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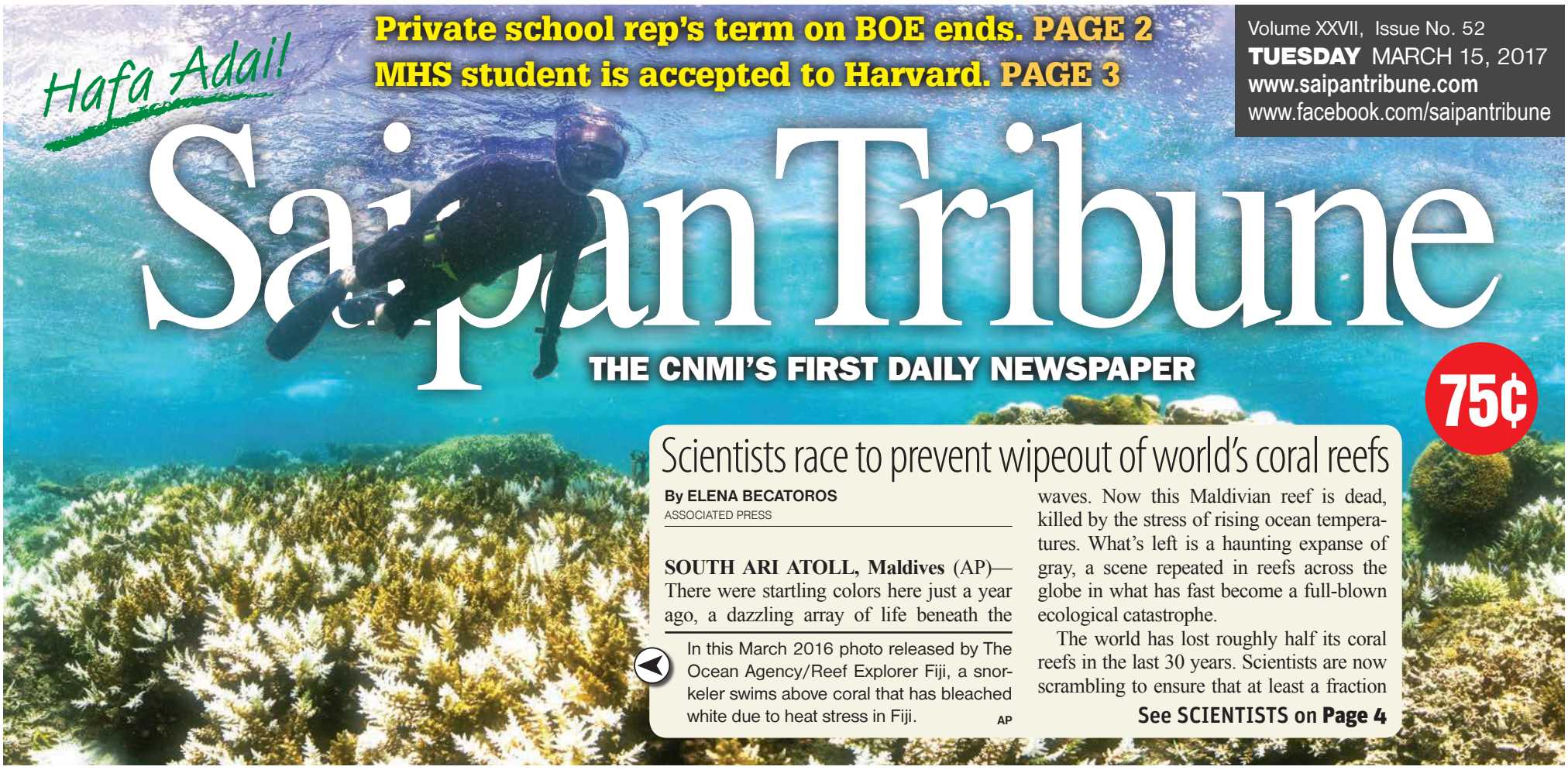

Scientists race to prevent wipeout of world's coral reefs

By ELENA BECATOROS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH ARI ATOLL, Maldives (AP)— There were startling colors here just a year ago, a dazzling array of life beneath the waves. Now this Maldivian reef is dead, killed by the stress of rising ocean temperatures. What's left is a haunting expanse of gray, a scene repeated in reefs across the globe in what has fast become a full-blown ecological catastrophe.

The world has lost roughly half its coral reefs in the last 30 years. Scientists are now scrambling to ensure that at least a fraction

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In this March 2016 photo released by The Ocean Agency/Reef Explorer Fiji, a snorkeler swims above coral that has bleached white due to heat stress in Fiji. AP

CPA to review flight schedules

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Ports Authority board said it will review the logjam in flight schedules currently besetting the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport that has resulted in long immigration wait lines, which in turn has spelled trouble to the CNMI's burgeoning tourism industry.

The long wait lines at airport Customs was the hot button issue discussed during yesterday's CPA board meeting attended by no less than Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

Torres told the CPA board that in

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ERWIN ENCINARES
Gov. Ralph DLG Torres sits in with Commonwealth Ports Authority board members to discuss airport matters.

Leepan: All options needed to solve long lines at airport

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Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) said CNMI officials should explore options in order to solve the issues of long lines at the airport's arrival section. He said there are also reports that even the waiting time at the baggage area and clearance at the local Division of Customs have allegedly experienced delays.

"There are complaints that visitors coming in allegedly have lon-

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Limtiaco steps down as US Attorney for Guam, CNMI

Alicia A.G. Limtiaco has resigned as U.S. Attorney for the District of Guam and the District of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Limtiaco's resignation was at the request of Attorney General Jefferson B. Sessions III for top federal prosecutors to submit their resignation letters. These federal prosecutors ere leftover from the previous Obama administration.

Limtiaco

Limtiaco is the first woman to hold the job for Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

First Assistant/Criminal Chief Shawn N. Anderson

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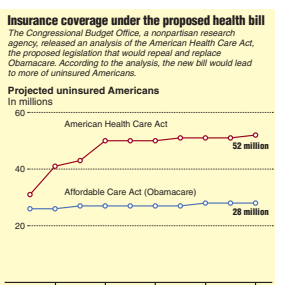
Insurance coverage under the proposed health bill
The Congressional Budget Office, a nonpartisan research agency, released an analysis of the American Health Care Act, the proposed legislation that would repeal and replace Obamacare. According to the analysis, the new bill would lead to more of uninsured Americans.
Projected uninsured Americans
In millions
60
40
20
American Health Care Act
52 million
Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)
28 million

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Fourteen million Americans would lose coverage next year under House Republican legislation remaking the nation's health care system.

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The three daughters of renowned violinist Roman Totenberg heard the sound of their late father's Stradivarius for the first time since it was stolen nearly four decades ago.

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Education Commissioner Cynthia Deleon Guerrero, fifth right, and her management team composed of associate commissioners Yvonne R. Pangelinan, Lynette Villagomez, Glenn Muna, Federal Programs officer Tim Thornburgh, Human Resources officer Lucretia Borja, legal counsel Adam Hardwicke, and financial consultant Edward S. Tenorio join Board of Education certification and licensure officer Valerie K. Malwelbug and Robert L Coldeen III, coordinator for the School Attendance Review Committee, and other BOE officials as they gather together to honor Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

Private school rep's term on BOE ends

The CNMI State Board of Education threw a surprise send-off yesterday for Galvin Deleon Guerrero, the representative of private schools on the board, whose four-year term on the panel is ending this month.

Deleon Guerrero's term will end on March 27, 2017. It is not certain if he will be re-appointed to the board or if there will be a new private school representative.

Deleon Guerrero is currently president of Mount Carmel School and has been the Private School Coalition representative on the board since 2013.

In a recognition ceremony held at the office of Education Commissioner Cynthia Deleon Guerrero yesterday morning, education officials led by the Board of Education and the Public School System described Deleon Guerrero as "a respected advocate."

"We are here to show our respect and to honor Galvin as a member of the BOE, and to show how much we appreciate you," BOE chair MaryLou S. Ada told a surprised Deleon Guerrero, who thought he was to attend a BOE/PSS-led ceremony to honor a group of students.

"Your contributions to the Public School System has been very tremendous," added Ada. She described Deleon Guerrero as the "quiet one who pushed the envelope" that raising the level of education advocacy.

"You are a negotiator…a peaceful negotiator. Thank you for your compassion [to the students of our Commonwealth]," Ada added. "He paved the way for PSS to achieve higher education"

Deleon Guerrero has served on the board for 12 years. He was first elected as a board member in 2008. He served from 2008 until 2012. In 2013, then-governor Eloy S. Inos appointed Deleon Guerrero as the Coalition of Private Schools representative.

Besides Ada and Deleon Guerrero, others present yesterday were BOE vice chair Janice Marie Tenorio, board member Herman T. Guerrero, and the PSS management.

Deleon Guerrero, who was visibly surprised by being surrounded by his peers and by district's education leaders, said the honor meant a lot to him.

"Thank you so much, chairwoman. I do not do well with surprises like this—and this means a lot to me," he said. "And to the board members and commissioner, and everyone at PSS, thank you so much."

"You're right, I do push the envelope but I try to bring people together. And I think that what I always appreciate about the board and PSS family is that I know there are some rancor, debates and very strong opinions, but it is a genuine reflection of what [we] try to do," Deleon Guerrero noted.

Education Commissioner Deleon Guerrero acknowledged the importance of the partnership between PSS and private schools in the CNMI. She hailed Deleon Guerrero for fostering that growth in relationship.

"Thank you so much for your contributions and support over the years. You brought a lot of ideas and sustainable discussions in regards to the education of our children," she said. "The partnership between private schools and public schools is really important. And I hope that whoever will sit on the table will continue to advocate strongly this relationship." ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

Type II Handcrew Pack Test

(This is open to all individuals)

- **March 17, 2017 - Saipan [Pre-Pack Test]**, 4:30 pm (Kilili Beach)
- **March 24, 2017 - Saipan [Pre-Pack Test]**, 4:30 pm (Kilili Beach)
- **March 25, 2017 - Tinian [Pre-Pack Test]**, 9:00 am (Station 7)
- **April 1, 2017 - Saipan [Pack Test]**, 5:30am (Smiling Cove Marina)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Bodybuilding contest on March 25

The 3rd Annual Marianas Muscle Bodybuilding & Physique Contest will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, starting at 3m at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Admission is $10 per person. There will be an entry fee of $15 per competitor.

For more information about contest entry and rules, contact John Davis at 789-9211 or johnhdavisjr@gmail.com. For tickets, contract Jocelyn Itibus at 287-1232 or jocelynitibus@gmail.com; Enrico Valdez at 783-1320 or enrico_valdez@yahoo.com; Karen Davis at 789-7994 or karendavis0812@gmail.com; Jayda Rayphand at 783-7994 or jaydarayphand@gmail.com; or Jeanne Rayphand at 287-9807 or email jeanneesq@yahoo.com. ***(PR)***

Income tax forms for 2017 tax season available

The Department of Finance announced yesterday that the income tax forms for the 2017 tax season is available for pickup from the Division of Revenue and Taxation or can be downloaded at www.cnmidof.net.

The self-service booth has been activated for taxpayers filing form 1040-EZCM. There is a small fee of $7.

For most taxpayers, tax return file date is Monday, April 18, 2017, rather than Saturday, April 15, 2017. Personal income tax return file due date is April 15, 2017 unless the date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, in which case the due date for Northern Marianas Territorial Income Tax returns gets pushed ahead to the next business day.

The Division of Revenue and Taxation can be reached at 664-1000 or 664-1098. ***(PR)***

CCA board to meet on March 21

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on March 21, 2017 at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president, and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(CCA)***

Mobile consular outreach on Saipan

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, in coordination with Philippine honorary consul Glicerio Arago, will hold a mobile consular outreach on Saipan on March 19-22 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Hall in Susupe.

All e-passport applications require "personal appearance". Please wear proper attire (i.e. shirt with collar). Applicants on the list are advised to be present at the venue on the date and time indicated in the schedule.

For more information and confirmation, please call (670)233-6293 and ask for Mel Santos. ***(PR)***

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MHS student is accepted to Harvard

Malate

Marianas High School senior Robert Jomar Malate was doing his homework on Saturday morning when he decided to check his email.

"I saw the email that said Harvard Admissions Committee," Malate said.

He became so excited that he decided to read the email with his mother.

"I read the email with my mom and, once we opened it, we both had the same reaction, which was, 'Oh my gosh, I got accepted.'"

Yes, Malate, born and raised on the island, just received news of his acceptance to Harvard University.

Malate, the eldest of four children, has three younger sisters. His parents are Roberto Malate and Maria Theresa Malate.

Malate has been a regular school representative, from the academic bee bowls from when he was in middle school at Hopwood Junior High School to the Junior Statesmen of America Summer School, Aeronautical Dolphins, National Speech and Debate Association, mock trial, and STEM Fair. He is also part of the National Honor Society at Marianas High School.

He plans to take up Computer Science and Electrical Engineering at Harvard, where he will be part of the Class 2021.

"My mom has been with me throughout the struggle of the college applications" he added.

Malate also applied to other Ivy League schools like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Princeton University, and Stanford University. Besides Harvard, he was also accepted at the University of Evansville, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Seattle University.

His plan after graduating high school is to go straight to college. "I will really try my best to improve my science and math skills cause I didn't really have much to build on," Malate added. "I spend a huge amount of my spare time on YouTube watching crash course videos or computers, or anything that interest me."

Malate also attended San Vicente Elementary School and Hopwood Junior High School. He is an A Honor roll student and a president's awardee back at SVES and placed third in his batch at Hopwood. ***(Mackenzie Perez)***

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CNMI continuously monitoring casino activities

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REPORTER

The CNMI is continuously monitoring all gaming activities with the Commonwealth Casino Commission, the lead agency tasked to enforce applicable laws and regulate the new industry.

CCC, aside from following federal AML (anti-money laundering) laws, and other casino gaming regulatory agencies operate within the statute as stated in Public Law 18-56 that amended PL 18-43 that authorized the establishment of an exclusive gaming license on Saipan.

The CNMI has no local anti-money laundering law and only follows federal statutes being one of the United States' five insular areas. The federal government will have sole jurisdiction once money-laundering transactions are detected once the said activity crosses or enters the Commonwealth.

"A lot of its has to do with inter-state transferring of funds. Once it crosses over boundaries that is usually a federally regulated activity," said Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), the House of Representatives' Gaming Committee chair.

Casino gaming is a new and growing industry on Saipan with Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC getting the lone license to operate a facility on island.

Tinian once had the Tinian Dynasty & Casino but was fined $75 million by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Network after failing to comply with the U.S. Bank Secrecy Act of 1970.

Tinian Dynasty remains closed to this date after stopping its operations last year with the facility becoming a white elephant on the island and now is slowly suffering from wear and tear.

Tourists who come to the CNMI, either for vacation or playing at the temporary gaming facility at the T Galleria luxury mall, can only bring in a maximum of $10,000 in cash. Casinos usually use wire money transfers especially for its VIP customers.

The gambler's money can be wired in an account and if the client wins will again be wired back. CCC knows this type of transaction.

One example of an AML activity is drug cartels in Latin America putting up legal investments in a specific country with the money obtained through illegal means. The investment is done just to move the money out of he country of origin.

Rep. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan), who is a House Gaming committee member, said CNMI officials remain vigilant in issues that would affect the Commonwealth's economic development.

"Enforcing laws when it comes to issues of contraband entering our ports and prevent illicit activities that take place within the CNMI remain top priority of the Division of Customs and the Department of Public Safety's high priority," said Blanco.

He added that Customs, which is under the CNMI Department of Finance, requires inbound and outbound tourists to declare if they carry $10,000 or more in cash as a preventive measure to avoid illegal money entering the Commonwealth.

"The CNMI is seeing the extent of the problem but also has the enforcement taking place to combat the issues. Gaming in the Commonwealth is still a growing industry and as such is regulated, examined and monitored," said Blanco.

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of these unique ecosystems survives beyond the next three decades. The health of the planet depends on it: Coral reefs support a quarter of all marine species, as well as half a billion people around the world.

"This isn't something that's going to happen 100 years from now. We're losing them right now," said marine biologist Julia Baum of Canada's University of Victoria. "We're losing them really quickly, much more quickly than I think any of us ever could have imagined."

Even if the world could halt global warming now, scientists still expect that more than 90 percent of corals will die by 2050. Without drastic intervention, we risk losing them all.

"To lose coral reefs is to fundamentally undermine the health of a very large proportion of the human race," said Ruth Gates, director of the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology.

ONLINE:

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Coral reefs produce some of the oxygen we breathe. Often described as underwater rainforests, they populate a tiny fraction of the ocean but provide habitats for one in four marine species. Reefs also form crucial barriers protecting coastlines from the full force of storms.

They provide billions of dollars in revenue from tourism, fishing and other commerce, and are used in medical research for cures to diseases including cancer, arthritis and bacterial or viral infections.

"Whether you're living in North America or Europe or Australia, you should be concerned," said biologist Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, director of the Global Change Institute at Australia's University of Queensland. "This is not just some distant dive destination, a holiday destination. This is the fabric of the ecosystem that supports us."

And that fabric is being torn apart.

"You couldn't be more dumb ... to erode the very thing that life depends on—the ecosystem—and hope that you'll get away with it," Hoegh-Guldberg said.

Corals are invertebrates, living mostly in tropical waters. They secrete calcium carbonate to build protective skeletons that grow and take on impressive colors, thanks to a symbiotic relationship with algae that live in their tissues and provide them with energy.

But corals are sensitive to temperature fluctuations, and are suffering from rising ocean temperatures and acidification, as well as from overfishing, pollution, coastal development and agricultural runoff.

A temperature change of just 1 to 2 degrees Celsius (1.8 to 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) can force coral to expel the algae, leaving their white skeletons visible in a process known as "bleaching."

Bleached coral can recover if the water cools, but if high temperatures persist for months, the coral will die. Eventually the reef will degrade, leaving fish without habitats and coastlines less protected from storm surges.

The first global bleaching event occurred in 1998, when 16 percent of corals died. The problem spiraled dramatically in 2015-2016 amid an extended El Nino natural weather phenomenon that warmed Pacific waters near the equator and triggered the most widespread bleaching ever documented. This third global bleaching event, as it is known, continues today even after El Nino ended.

Headlines have focused on damage to Australia's famed Great Barrier Reef, but other reefs have fared just as badly or worse across the world, from Japan to Hawaii to Florida.

Around the islands of the Maldives, an idyllic Indian Ocean tourism destination, some 73 percent of surveyed reefs suffered bleaching between March and May 2016, according to the country's Marine Research Center.

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ger waiting time at the baggage area, and there's also long lines of clearance at Customs," Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said that his committee plans to meet with Customs chief Jose C. Mafnas where they want to observe how they operate and clarify the issues involving the said agency. "Actually, we do not want to point fingers and blame Customs, because they also have their own duties and responsibility."

"As officers, they make sure no contraband or illegal items are brought in to the CNMI. I have to applaud that they are diligently and vigorously doing their mandate. They have been enforcing the law to make sure illegal items would be confiscated," said Guerrero.

He added the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol is undermanned to process all passengers entering the CNMI since flights usually simultaneously arrive at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport.

CBP is facing a shortage in personnel since most of its officers in the mainland don't want to relocate in the CNMI with finances as one of the issues in moving to the Commonwealth with their families.

"They don't want to come this far from the mainland. And CBP is trying to recruit and hoping to have pool of locals qualified to become officers. We're hoping they would speed up the process of hiring and training locals to become CBP officers," added Guerrero, the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism chair.

Installing kiosks that have automated processing machines, for machine-readable passports, is another option according to Guerrero. "Automated processing machines would help speed up the movement of tourists and would avoid longer lines."

"Installing these is a good idea. We've heard that [the Marianas Visitors Authority] is planning to procure one or two machines. Hope they would move quickly with this and get a machine installed in an area at the arrival that would not cause congestion."

Guerrero said the best option of installing the said machine is in a spacious area where visitors and other passengers arriving would have an easier time getting out.

He added that he would also suggest to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres of having the Commonwealth Ports Authority meet with the airlines that operate in the CNMI to fix their arrival schedule.

"We might need to have a staggered time with their arrivals. For example, if Asiana is coming in at around 2am, then Jeju Air could arrive at maybe 3am. This would give CBP ample time to process Asiana visitors first and won't cause any hold up or backlog in processing their documents," said Guerrero.

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order for the CNMI to continue enjoying the influx of Chinese tourists, "[the CNMI] needs all the airlines to make sure they do their [part] otherwise all of us are going to lose."

This include the airlines following a schedule spreading out the flights throughout the day so as not to leave the Customs and Border Patrol area or any other area of the airport congested.

The board agreed and decided that CPA executive director Chris Tenorio should propose a draft for the new schedule of the flights to be submitted next week.

"There should at least be 40 to 45 minutes apart between arrivals. That, in my opinion, would address the problem," CPA airport committee chair and board member Barrie Toves told *Saipan Tribune*.

"I'm happy that the governor agrees with us about the reinforcement of a flight schedule."

According to Toves, a flight schedule shall be implemented to help alleviate the long CBP lines. Toves said the airlines "had no choice" but to follow the schedule because the long immigration lines brought about by many factors—including the lack of proper flight scheduling—is "detrimental to our reputation as a host country and a tourist destination."

"Somewhere down the line, we have to set our foot in the sand," said Toves.

"It's a policy matter that is needed to address the immigration lines."

The board expects Tenorio to submit drafts for the scheduling of the flights as well as a letter to inform the airlines of the news since—according to some of the board members—the matter is a "sensitive issue."

In a letter dated March 12, 2017, Torres gave his recommendations to the Commonwealth Ports Authority board in an attempt to address ongoing issues and was further discussed during yesterday's board meeting that was attended by the governor.

Torres urges CPA to consider separating passengers into lines associated with their means of entry to the CNMI. Torres wrote in the letter that lines to separate passengers entering through U.S/ citizenship, visa waiver, working visa, Electronic System for Travel Authorization or ESTA, and so on from the discretionary parole of Chinese nationals may help lessen the prolonged wait times of passengers.

Torres also mentioned in his letter that revisiting the timeslots provided to arriving airlines with the flight coming after it in mind is necessary to "provide each flight additional time to process their passengers through CBP and CNMI Customs inspection" even if it costs a few cancelled flights.

"I encourage CPA to develop a schedule of arrivals that allows for the reasonable spacing of incoming flights and be willing to cancel flights that are unable to operate within the standards set by the [CPA] board and CPA [management]."

According to Torres' letter, flights are scheduled with five-minute windows in between.

"Increasing the intervals in which flights arrive will limit line length and the time it would take for the passenger to undergo border processing," wrote Torres.

LIMTIACO

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will serve as acting U.S. Attorney for both districts effective immediately,

In a later statement, Limtiaco said: "It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve the people of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands for the last seven years as [U.S.] Attorney, and to work alongside our law enforcement partners and community stakeholders in our enforcement and crime prevention efforts. I am sincerely appreciative to the staff of the United States Attorney's Office for their commitment, hard work and perseverance, and I am extremely proud of the accomplishments and efforts of our Guam and CNMI staff in serving and keeping our communities safe."

Obama nominated Limtiaco in February 2010 and she was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in April 2010. She previously served as the attorney general of Guam from 2007 to 2010. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

SCS DONATION

Saipan Computer Services Business Development director Jerry Tiu, center in blue, and SCS managing director Kazuko Kawabe-Tiu, third from right, present a $3,000 cash donation to the Northern Marianas College Foundation. NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, seventh from right, and NMC Foundation chair Mary Tenorio, fifth from left, along with NMC students, receive the donation on behalf of NMC Foundation.

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Eco-tourism project eyed for pristine Rota

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Marianas Visitors Authority board vice chair Vince Calvo, front row third left, joins TanHoldings executives and employees in doing the Rota wave during a barbecue lunch at the Mochong Beach.

When TanHoldings held a cleanup drive on Rota early this month, no garbage bag came out full and some of them were nearly empty.

No. The company's executives and employees did not cheat. It's just that there weren't much trash to pick up.

One visitor joked that you could find more coconut crabs than trash when you go deep into the lush jungles of Rota.

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A Rota resident welcomes visitors from TanHoldings by presenting them with handcrafted necklaces.

Mayor Efraim Atalig said they are doing their best to keep the island pristine to attract tourists who he hopes would help rejuvenate Rota's depressed economy.

"Visitors appreciate Rota's unspoiled beauty and we want to keep it that way as we try our best to revive the tourism industry on our island," Atalig said.

With very little garbage to pick up, TanHoldings executives and visitors' eyes feasted on the greenery that surrounds the villages of Songsong and Sinapalo and the crystal clear waters of the Swimming Hole, Mochong Beach, and other hidden treasures of Rota.

The catch and release of coconut crabs could be an attraction for tourists as a tour company based on Saipan plans to bring visitors to Rota.

Century Tours is holding exploratory talks with NMI Asset Acquisition, Inc. to develop tour packages for visitors. NMIAAI is headed by Francisco Atalig and is made up of hotel and other business owners on Rota. It aims to work with tour agencies in finding sites and adventures for tourists.

"We are looking at promoting ecotourism on Rota because of the island's untouched beauty and we will begin with developing a day tour plan," Century Tours' Ivan Quichocho said.

Atalig said a day tour package should include a stop at Mochong Beach where tourist can enjoy its white and almost powdery sand while indulging in island-style barbecue. Another must is the Swimming Hole, which is surrounded by rock formations that create mini-hot tubs. Other suggested attractions are the Rota Bird Sanctuary, Latte Stone Quarry, Alaguan Bay Lookout, Okgok Water Falls, Mochong Latte Stone Villlage, As Matmos Fishing Cliff, and the Wedding Cake.

"I hope the day tour will be the first step toward developing Rota as an eco-tourism destination in the Marianas," Marianas Visitors Authority board vice chair Vince Calvo said. "Rota is very excited to welcome visitors. Come and experience our famous Rota Wave." ***(PR)***

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Generator System Supply and Installation- Rota Mayor's Office
RFP17-GOV-077

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the CNMI Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to supply and install a generator for the Rota Mayor's Office on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, currently in effect, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

The project package will be available beginning March 15, 2017 at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A pre-proposal meeting will be held on Rota at 10:00 a.m. on April 5, 2017, at the Rota Mayor's Office conference room.

Questions about this request for proposal shall be addressed to the HMGP Office attn.: Leona DLG. Sablan, in writing via e-mail: leona.cip@gmail.com or facsimile (670) 664-2408 no later than 4:30 p.m., ChST, April 11, 2017.

The total proposal length shall not exceed 15 pages in length. A contractor that submits a proposal as a prime contractor cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, a company may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1.	Qualifications and experience on similar projects	30%
2.	Work load and resources to accomplish work	10%
3.	Project Approach & Schedule	10%
4.	Cost	50%

Performance time for completion of this project is 120 calendar days upon issuance of notice to proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 120 calendar days, the contract price and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top 3 ranked contractors. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified contractor to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFP17-GOV-077 Generator System Supply and Installation- Rota Mayor's Office. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, April 24, 2017. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of intent to propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, April 24, 2017 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com.

For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, April 24, 2017, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than May 3, 2017. Failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

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Governor's Authorized Representative

Herman S. Sablan
Director of Procurement and Supply

Revocation of lots went through process—DPL

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

The revocation of lots from homesteaders is an unfavorable thing but the Department of Public Lands is just following the process and regulations of the homestead program, according to Secretary Marianne Teregeyo C. Teregeyo.

One of those rules is to have a house built on the lot within three years after a permit is issued.

DPL, led by Teregeyo and acting homestead director Ray Salas, held a homestead lottery drawing last week of all revoked lands in As Matuis, Dandan, and Kagman.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres witnessed the lottery drawing that was attended by 13 of the 19 who were invited to pick from the 41 lots at stake.

Teregeyo said DPL followed all the regulations under the homestead program. "[DPL] is required to issue the lots to NMD's [Northern Marianas descent] but there are regulations that must be followed by the homesteader."

She said they have been "more aggressive" in implementing the homestead program, with Ray Salas as acting director of the division. "We have been conducting homestead inspections. We go out and inspect the homesteaders that have the lots for many years."

"Some of the homesteaders have had the lots for 15 years that's in excess of the three-year limit. It is not favorable to revoke the lots but if you don't comply with the three-year time, the lot will be put up for lottery again."

Teregeyo said they have been more active in inspecting the lots of existing homesteaders. They first issue inspection notices to inform the homesteader that they would be conducting a visit and check the lot, and if there are no signs of activity or development they would send warning letters.

"Finally, when all remedies are exhausted, the lot is revoked, but the homesteader still has an opportunity to appeal the revocation within 30 days. A hearing is then held and the hearing officer would determine if extra time is warranted," added Teregeyo.

"They [inspectors] take photos and document everything. They get all the needed information for the report and the files are thick and we review all of them. One of our goals is to go over homesteaders that have not complied."

As much as possible, DPL does not want to revoke homestead lots. "It is the least favorable part of the job when we revoke the homestead lots. It is never popular to revoke."

"Is it really favorable? No, because half of these people are people we know but they don't understand it. It is not a good day when we sign revocations. We have homesteaders waiting and we have a process."

DPL has also reactivated the hearing office where homesteaders who had their lots revoked could get the chance to present their case.

"They can talk to the hearing officer. There have been a lot of hearings since the reactivation of the hearing office. That's why we just don't decide to do the revocation of lots in just a day. There is a process that we follow," said Teregeyo.

She is hoping that DPL would not someday revoke the lots of the 13 new homesteaders. "If you're not complying, you could surrender the lots. When you surrender a lot, you're still good for another one when you're ready to build."

45 YEARS
Bank of Guam celebrated its 45th anniversary at its Hagatna headquarters, which featured a resolution presented by the 34th Guam Legislature and a check for over $60,000 raised from the bank's 12th Ifit 5K Run given to Guam Cancer Care. Both were presented at the bank's 45th anniversary Founder's Day Employee Dinner on Monday, March 13, 2017.
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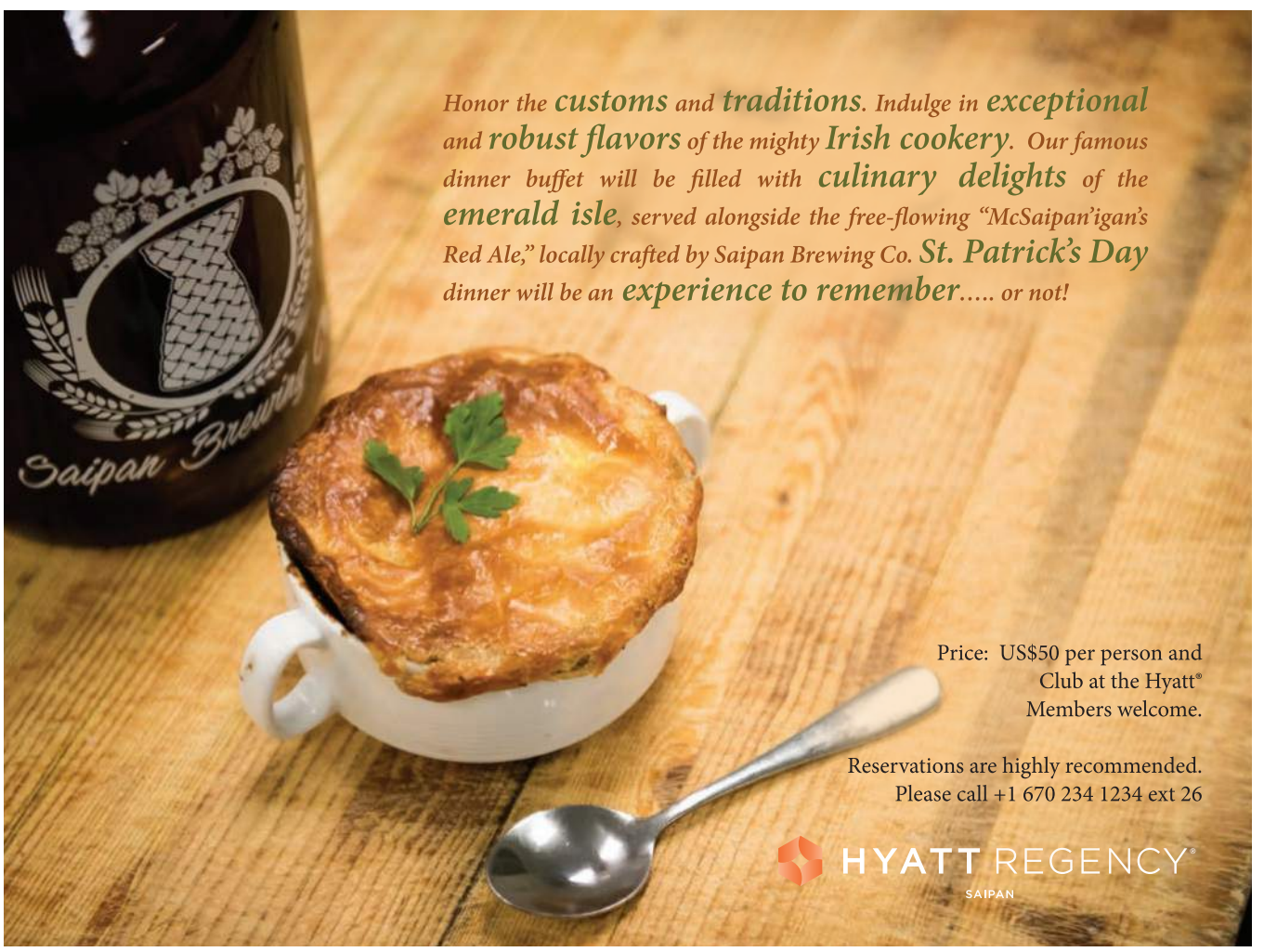
NOTICE OF REGULAR SHEFA BOARD MEETING

In accordance with 1 CMC § 9901 et seq., as amended, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA) Board hereby gives notice of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting set for Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 9:30 am at the Mayor of Saipan Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Ladera Center Building, Beach Road, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary Matters
  1. Roll Call
  2. Adoption of Agenda
  3. Adoption of Minutes from February 16, 2017
II. Public Comments
III. Reports
  1. Administrator
  2. Chair
  3. COMMITTEES
    a. Committee on Awards
    b. Committee on Appeal/ Deferments/Forbearance
    c. Committee on Policy and Procedures
    d. Committee on Program and Development
    e. Committee of Fiscal, Legislative and Community Affairs
IV. Old Business
  1. SHEFA on Disability
  2. NMTI Request for Open Enrollment
V. New Business
  1. Spring 2017 Application Status
  2. 2016 SHEFA Annual Report
VI. Executive Session – Appeals (closed)
VII. Misc.
VIII. Next Meeting
IX. Adjournment

Note: Meeting may continue the following day should the need arise.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AMP drew more than 81,000 visits in 2016

The American Memorial Park in Garapan recorded 81,171 visits in 2016, the National Park Service's centennial year.

"Every day American Memorial Park welcomes our local community, visitors from across the country and around the world," said superintendent Jim Richardson. "In 2016, we saw a 25-percent increase in visitors to the park from 2015."

"Stunning," said acting National Park Service director Michael T. Reynolds of the 331 million visits counted across the National Park System. "We expected more visitors in 2016 as the NPS celebrated its centennial with special events and activities, but these numbers really show the depth of feeling people have for their national parks, especially considering that increased visitation was recorded not just at the biggest and best known parks but at smaller historical and cultural sites as well."

Half of national park visitation happened in 26 parks, but visitation growth from 2015 to 2016 was greater, by 13 percent to 9 percent, in parks that see more modest annual visits.

"That shows the breadth of support for parks and, I think," Reynolds said, "the Find Your Park/Encuentra Tu Parque campaign launched with the National Park Foundation reached new audiences but also highlighted what we might call lesser-known parks."

Last year was also an exciting year for volunteers. Last year, American Memorial Park worked with over 300 volunteers who gave over 1,200 hours of their time to help further the mission of the park.

American Memorial Park was established in 1978 to honor the American and Marianas people who gave their lives during the Battle for the Marianas during World War II. ***(NPS)***

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

CNMI Board of Education chair MaryLou S. Ada signed the proclamation on Monday declaring the week of March 13 to 17 Anti-Bullying Week, and called upon public school students, teachers, the Public School System, and the PTSA organizations to observe this week's celebration. Witnessing the proclamation held at Kagman High School were members of the Youth Advisory Panel, teachers and program managers, BOE member Herman T. Guerrero, and Education Commissioner Cynthia Deleon Guerrero.

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LIBRARY MONTH

All public schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and its stakeholders—students, teachers, parents and the community—were urged to recognize and support the Board of Education's proclamation declaring the month of April as School Library Month. With the theme, "School Libraries Transform Learning," BOE chair MaryLou S. Ada signed the proclamation at Kagman High School on Monday and witnessed by board member Herman T. Guerrero, Education Commissioner Cynthia Deleon Guerrero, students, educators, and some of the district's librarians.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-17-020

CORAL TREE AVENUE, GARAPAN SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (S-11-017)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the replacement of sewer line in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists, in general of the replacement of asbestos cement pipe (ACP) in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the sewer discharge. The Project is to replace approximately ± 190 LF of existing 12-inch ACP, 6-inch service lateral connections, installation and monitoring of wastewater temporary by-pass pumping system and road restoration.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **60 calendar** days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **March 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-17-020, Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan Sewer Line Replacement Project",** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 23, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **4:00 PM (ChST) on March 15, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Birhen Martinez, CUC Water/Wastewater Senior Engineer – via email birhen.martinez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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MVA joins Guangzhou International Travel Fair

The Marianas Visitors Authority joined the Guangzhou International Travel Fair on Feb. 23-25, 2017. From left are MVA Guangzhou manager Yukee Chen, MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman, MVA marketing specialist Laura Hsiao, MVA China Office director Roel Bruysters, and MVA Beijing PR manager Flo Shi.

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The Marianas Visitors Authority participated in the 25th Guangzhou International Travel Fair on Feb. 23-25, 2017, at China Import and Export Fair Complex, joining 980 other tourism-related vendors from 51 countries and regions in reaching out to professional buyers and the traveling public. The Marianas also took top honors by winning *The Most Popular Island Destination Award*.

The MVA was joined by Dynasty Holiday and Century Tours at an exhibition booth, where they shared information on The Marianas with a record 142,300 people who attended the event, 15 percent more than last year's fair.

"By participating in the Guangzhou International Travel Fair, we showed our abundant tourism resources, cultural customs, local products and diverse variety of activities," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "At the same time, we promoted theme tours, such as honeymoon, senior anniversary tours, parent-child tours and sport tours to further raise awareness and popularity of the Marianas in the South China tourism market and to attract higher yielding tourists to visit Saipan, Tinian and Rota to fully enjoy the beauty of these islands."

In calendar year 2016, the number of Chinese travelers to the Marianas totaled 208,536, accounting for 39 percent of the total annual visitors and making China the top source market for the year. In 2016, the Marianas ranked fifth in "The top 100 travel destinations where Chinese people are longing to travel to" in a questionnaire survey conducted by China National Tourism Administration. Also last year, the MVA was also awarded The Destination with the Most Potential by the National Tourism Awards.

Saipan-da clowns around with friends and helps promote the Marianas at the Guangzhou International Travel Fair on Feb. 23-25, 2017.

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At GITF, the MVA touted its March series of major sporting events, including the inaugural Ironman 70.3 Saipan, XTERRA Saipan (March 18) and Saipan Marathon 2017 (March 25). Saipan Marathon has been certified by the Association of International Marathons and Distances Races by the International Association of Athletics Federation, which is the mark of sports events that meet full international standards.

The MVA also touted the convenience of travelling to the Marianas. In addition to existing non-stop flights from Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong, nearly 20 other cities in China have connections to Saipan with only one stop. ***(MVA)***

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A new boar war: Big radioactive pigs overrun Fukushima site

Six years after Fukushima became a cautionary tale about the tragic collision between the unfettered forces of nature and technology, it is providing yet another ominous metaphor for our troubled times—wild radioactive boars.

Northern Japan has been overrun by hundreds of wild boars, toxic from the radiation meltdown of the Fukushima nuclear plant that led to the abandonment of the city by its human residents. Even before radiation is figured into the equation, wild boars are ornery, frightening creatures. They're also a delicacy in Japan, which accounts for their presence in the first place.

Delicacy or not, anything capable of setting off Geiger counters makes it inedible for human consumption. The boars have also proved themselves to be anti-social marauders who invade empty homes and destroy untended, wild crops.

These animals have been the kings and queens of Fukushima since the mass evacuation of humans more than half a decade ago. Within the next month, the Japanese government will lift evacuation orders on four towns within the 12-mile zone circling the nuclear plant. In advance of the return of humans to the area, a systematic culling of wild boars has begun.

More than 800 of the contaminated animals have been killed so far, but there may be as many as 13,000. Many of the boars have settled into homes and appear to have lost their natural fear of humans. Authorities are using drones, traps and other tactics to bring the number down.

Still, only half of the city's former residents have expressed any interest in returning. The broken and contaminated nuclear plant won't be completely dismantled for another 40 years.

In the meantime, the municipal incinerators will be busy burning boar carcasses using filters that eliminate radioactive cesium leakage. There's a metaphor and possibly an even more terrible irony in all of this. As time passes, it may make itself more obvious.

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Travel ban spat ignores larger issues

On Monday, President Trump signed another executive order temporarily banning citizens from six predominantly Muslim countries from entering the United States.

This is the Trump administration's second attempt at this controversial policy, and, while the newest iteration is not as disconcerting as the first, it leaves many questions unanswered and underscores the need for a coherent immigration and counterterrorism policy path going forward.

Unquestionably, there is a need for a serious national debate about immigration in the age of terrorism. And it is not unreasonable to be concerned that terrorists could exploit our immigration and visa systems to come to the United States

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Trumpcare: Is this what populism looks like?

By DOYLE MCMANUS
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The battle in Congress over how to replace former President Obama's healthcare law is about much more than health insurance. It's the first legislative skirmish in a larger struggle over what Trumpism, Donald Trump's presidential agenda, will turn out to be in practice.

Can Trump succeed in remaking the Republican Party in his populist image? Or will the more traditional conservatives who lead the GOP majority in Congress domesticate the president and limit his agenda to the parts they like?

Trump ran for the White House with an ambitious list of promises that helped attract millions of middle-income voters who once supported Democrats.

He pledged to boost economic growth with tax cuts and deregulation; revive manufacturing jobs with new trade restrictions; end illegal immigration; replace Obamacare with something better and cheaper; and do it all without cutting Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid.

Some of those goals were shared by traditional conservatives, especially tax cuts and deregulation. Others were not; House Speaker Paul Ryan and most of his members have long maintained that balancing the federal budget requires reining in spending on Social Security and Medicare.

Trump doesn't owe his election to the party establishment in Congress. He ran against it, and sometimes described Ryan as part of the problem. But the healthcare bill Ryan introduced last week does not reflect that reality.

Based on the repeal-and-replace bill Ryan drew up last year, before Trump was elected, the proposed legislation is not at all populist. It includes a big tax cut for wealthy investors. It breaks several promises Trump made in the campaign, including pledges not to touch Medicaid and to expand treatment for opioid addiction. It will reduce subsidies for older low-income workers, many of whom were Trump voters.

If Trump really wanted to turn the GOP into a "workers' party," as he's claimed, this might be an obvious place to start. Instead, eager to replace Obamacare at any cost, the president endorsed the bill and even began lobbying for it.

That's one signal that GOP legislation under Trump won't always reflect Trumpist-populist rhetoric.

Here's another: It's fiscal conservatives, not moderates, who are most vocally opposed to Ryan's plan. Members of the House Freedom Caucus, heirs of the tea party, think the bill is too expensive—too populist, in a sense. They want to speed up the process of cutting back federal subsidies for state-run Medicaid programs. Trump said he's willing to negotiate with the holdouts, potentially moving the bill even further from his initial promises.

Trump has long boasted of his prowess as a negotiator, but he's never negotiated with House Republicans before. If the Ryan bill gets stuck, Trump's image as a Man of Action will take a hit. If it passes, he may still look like a Man of Action, but certainly not like a Man of the People.

And this is only the first legislative battle of many.

Trump's populism will face a similar test when he seeks a tax reform bill, the centerpiece of his economic agenda.

His treasury secretary, Steven Mnuchin, has suggested a big tax cut for the middle class, with no net tax cut for the wealthy.

But that's not what most Republicans in Congress have in mind. Their draft tax bills include big cuts for the well-off, and much smaller cuts for low- and middle-income earners.

We'll see the same dynamic again when Trump produces his infrastructure plan, now postponed until next year. Stephen K. Bannon, the White House aide who has championed infrastructure spending as a way to create jobs for construction workers, has suggested a $1-trillion bill including hundreds of millions of dollars from the federal coffers. Fiscal conservatives in Congress, however, would like to minimize those figures and focus the plan on tax incentives, not spending.

In each case, will Trump insist on getting his way, or settle for what the Ryan-led Congress gives him, as he's done with the Obamacare replacement?

Trump told his working-class voters that he'd give them a new form of Republicanism—an activist government that would deliver on manufacturing jobs, infrastructure projects and better health insurance.

He can keep some of his promises without Congress, through executive action. But much of his agenda will need legislation to become real. So far, the GOP in Congress isn't falling in line; and Trump isn't cracking the whip. If that's the pattern for the next four years, Trumpism may not look much different from traditional conservatism—except for the tweets.

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Modetnu gi halum pinepble

Mas ke lamita gi tautau-ta pumadedesi chinatsagan familia ginen suetdun popble taimanu pinila` federat. Este na suetdu gaige gi $24,600 gi sakan para kuattru na tautau gi familia.

Megai lokue` ti gumagana este na suetdu gi todu atmos banda, gobietnu yan praibet. Gi hilu` este kanaha` lamita gi familia guine mantai insurance hinemlu`.

Hu nanañga haf` na ineppi guaha ginen i "solutions driven" na tropa, espesifikamiente, haf` bidan niha para uma-ataha este na chinatsaga gi publiku.

Megai mampus inefresi sin satbasion. Diariu este na che`chu` kabron gi man-sabiun hegsu` I Deni`. Klaru mas haye mafalalague para uma-ayuda.

Taigue interes i publiku gi pinetsigen niniha. Lau animu man-gupot yan man-riku na bisnis ni pumegagaye ayudun konbiñiente gi betsan niha.

Yangin guaha dinida, atan fuetsan monedan familian miyu mismu. Dudayu` kau guaha hatsadan suetdu mattu giya hamyu. Klaru na 51 pot sientu man-mamatmus gi suetdun popble segun definision federat.

Dispues kanaha` mediu gi tautau-ta mantai insurance hinemlu`. Repara sa` i dos mas kritikat gi nesessidat publiku i mas fatsu na tiempu. Malag manu i tropan "solutions driven" gi este na kuentas?

Tinilaika: Hana mahahalañg-yu` i mañge` linala`ta antes `nai ti megai estotbu diariu. Guihe na tiempu, libianu hit malag kantun tasi pumeska pat tumalag hilu` gi hegsu` (lanchun familia) pot nesessidat. Taigue este na patte gi modetnu na linala` natibu na tiempu.

Pa`gu, gigon malag kantun tasi hau gaige dañkulun hotel yan manadan tinala` guihan amariyu gi hilu` unai. Nahuñg para un` ñega planun mañgilili` satten guatu gi kantun unai. Siha umaprubecha i naturat na oriyan tano`ta. Hita man-malag papa` troñku man-ega` amariyu na guihan ginen i bisinu.

Gi hilu` mattiru siha, manadan tautau-ta menus ke $24,600 magagana gi sakan para mantension familia. Haf` taimanu na man-cheñgluñg guine na sapet fachi` pinepble? Mauleg tahusga i man-sabiun hegsu` I Deni`. Lau, magahet ya ni unu u duda na mas makat na tiru tafafana` na biahe.

Antes, dehemunus kau umaya kulot kasunes yan chininamu. Kumu gasgas, pega ya un` tulus hau para i eskuela, dottrina pat Gima` Yuus. Man-humidde yan man-magof hit ni linala`ta antes. Kontodu kineman kañgkuñg yan papaya ta usune pot pinepble, lau man-homlu` hit.

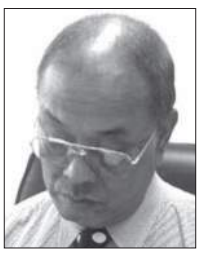
Todu i tiempu guaha che`chu` familia esta`i hinalum lemlem tautau. Kanaha` todu kinalamten pot mantension familia-ta desde tinanum yan pinegsai gi gualu` yan oriyan guma`. Suffisiente mantension guihe na tiempu sin ayudun federat.

Pa`gu, dimas de tahale` i kamuti sino suni man-hanau guatu hit gi offisinan food stamps para tarikohe fahan mantension. Dañkulu na tinilaika yan antes.

Hu chage macho`chu gi Saipan Stevedore tres pueñge yan ha`ane pot ayudu gi mantension sentadan familia. Ayu `nai hu chage kontodu te`lañghu man-mamuti ni manadan uman kestat 90 libra na kestat simientu tulanoche. Diberas!

Namagof na todu felis hinanau man-acha-idathu ginen ayu siha na mattiru. Megai man-felis dispues offisiun niha piot i prumekura man-eskuela. Un` pahina ni tapega kumu tutuhun pisun felis na karera!

Kada finattun ha`anen gupot `an Disiembre guaha `nai gotgan-yu` pot fina`pus mami gi halum un` sumen popble na guma`. Lau ni unu sumeha numa`e animu estake in` lagnus ham ginen ayu na chinatsaga, adumididi`. `An malagu` hau umadiñgan pot pinepble, agañgyu` sa`hagas hayuhu yan lapotput lokue` lepbloghu!



By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Prinipone: Dos membron sanpapa` na guma` man-lagnus planun aduana (siñku pot sientu na tax) para i Best Sunshine para usun iya Marianas.

Si Reps. Alicia Igitol yan Janet Maratita umofresi este na modun tax. I BSI mamatinas totat (Eneru yan Febreru) $33.9 Biyon pesus. Gigon ta afuetsas siñku pot sientu na aduana guaha $1.7 Biyon pesus na aduana para i kahan iya Marianas.

I kuestion: kau siña i dos señora mana` oppan hafa estauña i ginagau niha na aduana kontra i Best Sunshine? Manu na komite `nai mapega propositun niha yan kau para u guaha inekuñgog publiku pot este na asuntu?

Lokue`, hafa besis siñku pot sientu? Haf` na ti mapega gi 15 pot sientu? Malago`yu` esplikasion. Na`e sustansia i in` propoponi!

Pot megai pumadedesi mattirun suetdun popble yan taya` ayudu gi gastun hinemlu` na debi tali`e resutta ginen i mapropoponi ni dos señoras. Kontra linala` tautau-ta este na asuntun.

Gi mismu tiempu kulan inipus a`gañg i dos señora nu este na prinipone na esta na` tañga. Kase guaha tautau gi gima` hombre mañiñila` kandet, no?

Sensuran Hineñge: Gi un` estorian i biblia sinañgane si Abrahan ni Saina para u sakrifisia uniku lahiña gi atat kumu onru gi as Yuus.

Mampus triste i prohimu pot unu ha` lahiña. Enfin, ha usune kumone` lahiña guatu gi atat sakrifisiu. Pa`gu ha` hahatsa i se`si` para u punu i lahiña ilegña i Saina "Un` ratu ha`, estague` na setbi guennau na sakrifisiu". Era, nina`e ni Saina un` kinilu kumu sakrifisioña.

I puntu pot sensuran hineñge gi Saina. Kau fietmiente manhoñge hau nu guiya pat mueye` hineñge-mu?

TRAVEL

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and cause harm. But the central focus of the policy should be to stop credible threats from entering the country and carrying out terrorist attacks _ not scapegoating swaths of people because they look like, share a religion with, or share a country of origin with, radical terrorists.

If the travel ban ends up as an earnest review of policies and procedures that leads to improvement in our vetting process, that would be a step forward. If it's merely a veiled attempt to score points with a political base or a first step to permanently limit travel from certain countries to the United States, we have a serious problem.

Simply put, the temporary ban must, indeed, be temporary, and some improved security procedures must be accomplished by it.

Policymakers, particularly Republicans, also ought not lose sight of the opportunity to focus on the real issues and make progress on longstanding GOP priorities, including upgrading and enhancing our technological national security infrastructure to screen would-be visitors and immigrants. They should also look to overhaul our welfare entitlement system, an issue often raised when debating American immigration and naturalization policy.

If someone wants to come to the United States, is not a security threat, is not seeking taxpayer subsidies and entitlements, and wants to work, why wouldn't we want them in our country? These considerations are absent from the current political debate.

The challenge is that the right wing of the Republican Party and the left wing of the Democratic Party have a seemingly unholy agreement veiled in "America first" rhetoric with ideological underpinnings that go as follows: Trade hurts Americans and immigration is bad and unsafe for the United States. Both assertions are indicative of a renewed sense of inward-focused nationalism. But these ideas are detrimental to our economic vitality and cultural fabric as a country.

In the current political climate, making the case for expanded immigration _ from any country _ is, tragically, a nonstarter. But our country thrives when we safely allow for immigration for those seeking the American dream. Most people who want to come to the United States do not want to harm others or become a drain on the system _ they come for opportunity and a better life. Instead of focusing policy on keeping droves of people out, we should reform the immigration process to safely allow people in and overhaul the taxpayer-funded entitlement system so there is no longer a question about the inherent value immigrants offer to the United States.

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Working side by side

By GREG BORJA
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities, the Association of University Centers on Disabilities and the National Disability Rights Network have created a campaign that seeks to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life, as well as barriers that people with disabilities sometimes face when connecting with the communities they live in.

This week, March 13-17, 2017, the focus is on employment. People with disabilities do have certain protections available to them when seeking and maintaining employment. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act or ADA prohibits discrimination in the recruitment, hiring, promotions, training, pay, social activities, and other privileges of employment. It restricts questions that can be asked about an applicant's disability before a job offer is made, and it requires that employers make reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities, unless it results in an undue hardship.

Many of our youth with disabilities graduating from high school also have additional supports available to them when seeking to enter the workforce after graduation. The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation or OVR may provide assistance in planning the transition for students prior to graduation to enable them to be prepared to obtain a job. Additionally, OVR may provide other assistance for an individual to allow them to maintain their employment through reasonable accommodations and/or provide supported employment by acquiring assistive technology devices and services a person may need to succeed in the workplace.

When as a community we see the full potential a person with disabilities has in their ability to perform the essential functions of a given job and not look at what may be a barrier, we will be able to work side by side to ensure a positive future for our islands and all our citizens.

For more information on the services provided by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, please contact them at 322-6537. For more information about protections for employment under the ADA please contact the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. at 235-7273/4 or visit us online at www.nmpasi.org.

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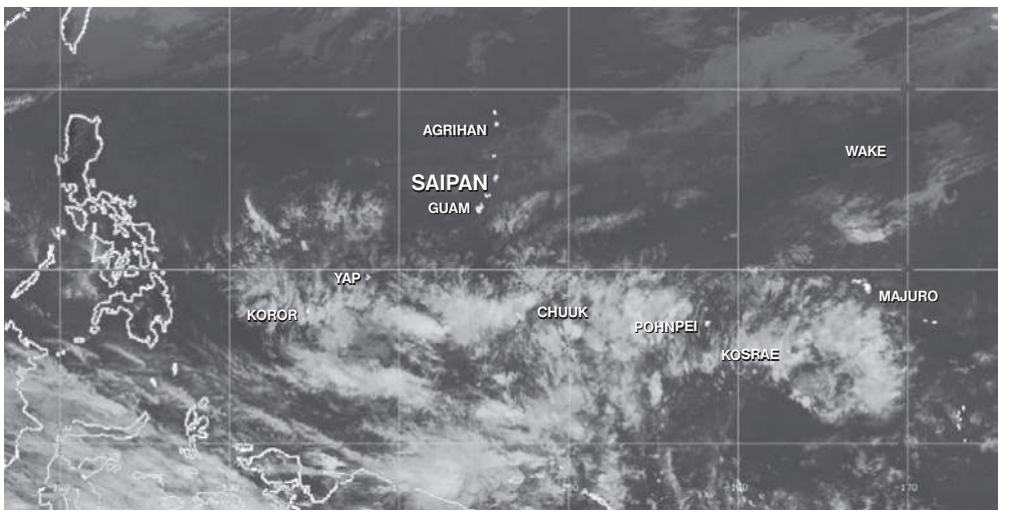
The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers. North winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:15 AM, TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Mostly cloudy skies associated with a weak shear line over the CNMI will remain over Tinian and Saipan through the day. Decided to use wording to show the higher cloud cover over Tinian and Saipan today rather than splitting the zones, since the remainder of the forecast was pretty much the same for all locations. A high pressure ridge moving eastward from Asia will push the weak shear line, currently near Tinian, southward through the week. Deep layer moisture will be very limited, so expect only partly cloudy skies and a few showers with this shear line. Models continue to show another shear line pushing southward ahead of this ridge around Thursday with a surface trough approaching from the southeast. Maintained the current forecast for mostly cloudy skies and isolated showers over the Marianas for now, although a period of scattered showers is possible. As this shear line approaches, winds are also expected to strengthen.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	89 | 76 °F
Palau	Overcast	85 | 77 °F
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	86 | 70 °F
Chuuk	Overcast	83 | 79 °F
Pohnpei	Overcast	82 | 70 °F
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	82 | 79 °F
Majuro	Overcast	82 | 81 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	74 | 56 °F
Beijing	Clear	61 | 31 °F
Hong Kong	Light Rain	66 | 59 °F
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	81 | 70 °F
London	Mostly Cloudy	61 | 45 °F
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	85 | 57 °F
Manila	Partly Cloudy	91 | 75 °F
Melbourne	Clear	89 | 70 °F
Miami	Rain	83 | 55 °F
New York	Overcast	33 | 23 °F
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	55 | 40 °F
Paris	Scattered Clouds	59 | 44 °F
Pusan	Clear	58 | 31 °F
Rome	Clear	61 | 44 °F
Salem	Light Rain	58 | 53 °F
San Francisco	Clear	78 | 51 °F
Seoul	Scattered Clouds	52 | 26 °F
Tokyo	Overcast	51 | 41 °F
Washington, DC	Ice Pellets	39 | 23 °F

NMI CRIME STOPPERS
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
3:31 AM	LOW TIDE	0.35
9:24 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.89
3:56 PM	LOW TIDE	0.38
9:45 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.79

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:24 AM	6:27 PM
Thursday	6:24 AM	6:27 PM
Friday	6:23 AM	6:27 PM
Saturday	6:22 AM	6:27 PM
Sunday	6:22 AM	6:27 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	8:05 AM	8:40 PM
Thursday	-	8:45 AM	9:29 PM
Friday	-	9:25 AM	10:17 PM
Saturday	-	10:07 AM	11:06 PM
Sunday	-	10:50 AM	11:54 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MARCH 1, 2017

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily
ZE582	4:25pm	8:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5

SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)

7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:50am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:30am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	5:45am	7:45am	4, 7
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UO43	1:40am	5:00am	1, 4, 6
HX077	2:15am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ628/723	3:50am	12:50pm	Daily via ICN
PR1572/318	5:45am	12:20pm	4, 7 via MNL
UA6391/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	8:25am	1:45pm	Daily
ZE581	10:15am	3:35pm	Daily
7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	8:15pm	1:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	8:30pm	1:20am+1	6, 7
OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4

JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN

7C3434	10:05pm	2:40am+1	2, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:20pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR1571	10:25pm	4:45am+1	3, 6
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ724/627	2:20pm	2:50am+1	Daily via ICN
HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
PR307/1571	6:20pm	4:45am+1	3, 6 via MNL
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
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5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Business

Millions to lose coverage under GOP bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fourteen million Americans would lose coverage next year under House Republican legislation remaking the nation's health care system, and that number would balloon to 24 million by 2026, Congress' budget analysts projected Monday. Their report deals a stiff blow to a GOP drive already under fire from both parties and large segments of the medical industry.

The Congressional Budget Office report undercuts a central argument President Donald Trump and Republicans have cited for swiftly rolling back the 2010 health care overhaul: that the insurance markets created under that statute are "a disaster" and about to implode. The congressional experts said the market for individual policies "would probably be stable in most areas under either current law or the (GOP) legislation."

The report also flies in the face of Trump's talk of "insurance for everybody," which he stated in January. He has since embraced a less expansive goal—to "increase access"—advanced by House Speaker Paul Ryan and other Republicans.

Health secretary Tom Price told reporters at the White House the report was "simply wrong" and he disagreed "strenuously," saying it omitted the impact of additional GOP legislation and regulatory changes the Trump administration plans.

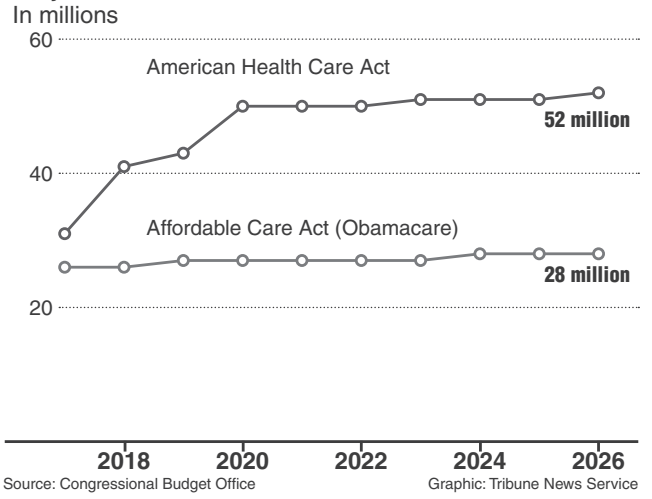
In a signal of trouble, Rep. Mark Walker, R-N.C., leader of a large group of House conservatives, said the report "does little to alleviate" concerns about the bill including tax credits considered too costly.

The budget office's estimates provide a detailed, credible appraisal of the Republican effort to unravel former President Barack Obama's 2010 overhaul. The office has a four-decade history of even-handedness and is currently headed by an appointee recommended by Price when he was a congressman. Trump has repeatedly attacked the agency's credibility, citing its significant underestimate of the number of people who would buy insurance on state and federal exchanges under "Obamacare."

On the plus side for Republicans, the budget office said the GOP measure would reduce federal deficits by $337 billion over the coming decade. That's largely because it would cut the federal-state Medicaid program for low-income Americans and eliminate subsidies that Obama's law provides to millions of people who buy coverage.

Insurance coverage under the proposed health bill

The Congressional Budget Office, a nonpartisan research agency, released an analysis of the American Health Care Act, the proposed legislation that would repeal and replace Obamacare. According to the analysis, the new bill would lead to more of uninsured Americans.



Source: Congressional Budget Office
Graphic: Tribune News Service

The report also said that while the legislation would push premiums upward before 2020 compared to current law, premiums would fall after that by an average 10 percent by 2026.

The GOP bill would obliterate the tax penalties Obama's law imposes on people who don't buy coverage, and eliminate the federal subsidies millions receive based on income and premium costs. It would instead provide tax credits largely reflecting recipients' ages, let insurers charge more for older people and boost premiums for those who let coverage lapse.

It would phase out Obama's expansion of Medicaid to 11 million additional low earners, cap federal spending for the entire program, repeal taxes the statute imposes and halt federal payments to Planned Parenthood for a year.

Administration officials took strong issue with the budget office's projections.

"We believe that our plan will cover more individuals and at a lower cost and give them the choices that they want," Price said.

Ryan, R-Wis., said the GOP legislation "is not about forcing people to buy expensive, one-size-fits-all coverage. It is about giving people more choices and better access to a plan they want and can afford." In fact, he said on Fox News Channel that the CBO report "exceeded my expectations."

Not in a good way, Democrats said. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York said the projections show "just how empty the president's promises, that everyone will be covered and costs will go down, have been."

"I hope they would pull the bill. It's really the only decent thing to do," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California.

The American Medical Association, which has opposed the Republican bill because it would reduce coverage, said the report shows the legislation would cause "unacceptable consequences."

Two House committees have approved the legislation and Ryan wants to bring it to the full House next week. Though many Republicans back the bill, conservatives say it doesn't go far enough in repealing Obama's law, while moderates whose states expanded Medicaid don't want people losing coverage.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB17-DLNR/DFW (BTS)-103 CIF TINIAN

SUBMISSION DATE: APRIL 07, 2017 TIME: 9:30 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF A 4X4 PICK UP TRUCK (CREW CAB/FOUR (4) DOORS) FOR THE DLNR, DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE, BROWN TREE SNAKE PROGRAM, TINIAN BRANCH"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70.30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2017

THIS ADVERTISEMENT IS PAID FOR BY NMHC WITH CPD FUNDS.

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is announcing the availability of an estimated $1,247,600.00 in Community Planning and Development (CPD) funds available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. NMHC anticipates receiving an estimated amount of $886,361.00 in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); $293,829.00 in Home Investment Partnerships (HOME); and, $67,410.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for Program Year (PY) 2017.

The CDBG funds, authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, may be used for a wide range of community development activities to revitalize neighborhoods, provide affordable housing, expand economic opportunities, and improve community facilities and services. However, use of these funds must meet at least one of the national objectives which include: 1) to benefit low and moderate-income families; 2) to eliminate slum or blight conditions; or 3) to meet other urgent community development needs.

The CDBG program requires a grant recipient to certify that it will minimize displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds. The CNMI government does not plan on undertaking any activity which will cause displacement of person. In the event of any unforeseen displacement resulting from any CDBG funded activity, the CNMI government will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, its implementing regulation and applicable local law.

HOME funds may be used to create affordable housing through financing assistance, site acquisition or improvement, and rehabilitating existing residential dwellings as well as providing funds for new construction or purchase of a single family residential dwelling. Use of HOME funds must benefit low-income families.

ESG funds may be used to rehabilitate or convert to buildings into homeless shelters and for shelter operating expenses, supportive services and homeless prevention and **rapid re-housing** activities. Use of ESG funds must benefit the homeless.

Applications for the use of CPD funds are available for pick up at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) located in Garapan, Saipan; San Jose Village, Tinian; and, Songsong Village, Rota, beginning December 29, 2016. You may also obtain the application online at www.nmhcgov.net in the section titled "Public Notice/Announcement" subsection "Community Planning Development"

Applications must be submitted to the NMHC Offices in Garapan, Saipan (Saipan Residents); San Jose, Tinian (Tinian Residents); and, Songsong Village, Rota (Rota Residents) by ***March 31, 2017, no later than 4:30 p.m. Applications submitted after March 31, 2017, will not be accepted.***

We are encouraging all non-profit, for profit, and government service providers who are providing services to people with disabilities, homeless individuals, and emergency shelter administrators and operators to attend this briefing.

Additional inquiries, concerning the CPD program, may be directed to Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, Deputy Corporate Director or Mr. Jacob Muna, Planning Assistant at 234-6866 or 234-7689.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 15, 2017

Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Governor
Saipan, MP 96950 Tel: (670) 237-2200 or (670) 234-7689/6866

This notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after March 31, 2017, the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Honolulu Field Office, for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following project and purposes in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Project/Activity Type	Purpose	Location	Total Project Cost
Renovation of the Tinian Gymnasium	To renovate the entire gymnasium facility for the community of Tinian	San Jose, Tinian	$312,185.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has determined that the above-listed projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Central Office in Garapan, Saipan or the Tinian Field Office located in San Jose, and may be examined or copied during regular work hours, Monday through Friday except CNMI or Austerity Holidays, from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 or direct delivery to the central office in Garapan, Saipan or the Tinian Field Office Located in San Jose. All comments received by **March 31, 2017**, will be considered by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands certifies to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD Honolulu Field Office that the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Governor Ralph DLG. Torres consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD Honolulu Field Office acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities, and allows the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands to use Program Funds.

OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD Honolulu Field Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands certification for a period of fifteen days following anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands; (b) the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has incurred cost not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of the release of funds by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures of 24 CFR Part 58 and shall be addressed to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Honolulu Field Office, 1132 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813. Potential objectors should contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

Nation

Justice Dept. asks for more time on wiretapping evidence

WASHINGTON (AP)—Facing a Monday deadline, the Justice Department asked lawmakers for more time to provide evidence backing up President Donald Trump's unproven assertion that his predecessor wiretapped his New York skyscraper during the election. The request came as the White House appeared to soften Trump's explosive allegation.

The House intelligence committee said it would give the Justice Department until March 20 to comply with the evidence request. That's the date of the committee's first open hearing on the investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 election and possible contacts between Trump associates and Russia.

A spokesman for the committee's Republican chairman said that if the Justice Department doesn't meet the new deadline, the panel might use its subpoena power to gather information.

"If the committee does not receive a response by then, the committee will ask for this information during the March 20 hearing and may resort to a compulsory process if our questions continue to go unanswered," said Jack Langer, a spokesman for Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif.

Trump's assertions have put his administration in a bind. Current and former administration officials have been unable to provide any evidence of the Obama administration wiretapping Trump Tower, yet the president's aides have been reluctant to publicly contradict their boss.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer tried to clarify Trump's comments Monday, saying the president wasn't using the word wiretapping literally, noting that Trump had put the term in quotation marks.

"The president used the word wiretap in quotes to mean broadly surveillance and other activities," Spicer said. He also suggested Trump wasn't accusing former President Barack Obama specifically, but instead referring to the actions of the Obama administration.

Trump himself has not commented on the matter since his March 4 tweets, in which he said he had "just found out that Obama had my 'wires tapped' in Trump Tower just before the victory." He also wrote: "Is it legal for a sitting President to be 'wire tapping' a race for president?"

In two other tweets, Trump described Obama tapping his phones, but did not put the phrases in quotation marks.

States aiming to block Trump travel ban from taking effect

SEATTLE (AP)—More than a half-dozen states trying to block President Donald Trump's revised travel ban moved forward Monday with a pair of lawsuits while the government asked that the order be allowed to take effect this week.

Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson, joined in his lawsuit by heavily Democratic California, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and Oregon, asked for a hearing with a federal judge in Seattle before the administration plans to implement the ban Thursday on new visas for people from six predominantly Muslim nations.

A hearing in a separate lawsuit by Hawaii already has been scheduled for Wednesday.

Ferguson said the revised ban is still unconstitutional and harms residents, universities and businesses, especially tech companies such as Washington state-based Microsoft and Amazon who rely on foreign workers.

"No one is above the law, not even the president—and I will hold him accountable to the Constitution," Ferguson said in a statement. "Cutting some illegal aspects of President Trump's original travel ban does not cure his affront to our Constitution."

Ferguson filed new court documents after the judge who put Trump's original order on hold said last week he would not immediately rule on whether his decision applies to the new version. U.S. District Judge James Robart told the federal government to quickly respond to Ferguson's claims but said he would not hold a hearing before Wednesday.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced the most populous U.S. state was joining Washington state's challenge, saying the order, despite its changes, is an attack on people based on their religion or national origin.

In Hawaii, which is alone in its lawsuit, the U.S. government asked a federal court Monday to deny the state's request to temporarily block the ban from going into effect.

A judge will hear arguments Wednesday, with the heavily Democratic state claiming the new order will harm its Muslim population, tourism and foreign students. Ismail Elshikh, a plaintiff in Hawaii's challenge, said the ban will prevent his Syrian mother-in-law from visiting.

The government says Hawaii's allegations that the ban will negatively affect tourism and universities are pure speculation. It also says neither Elshikh nor his mother-in-law have been harmed because she has not been denied a waiver for a visa to visit the United States.

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Cook (5)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with three (3) years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Excellent stamina, ability to stand for long periods and can lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Steward (9)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Over 6 months progressive experience in stewarding capacities. Able to perform assigned duties with great attention to detail, pace, correctness and good manners. Ability to prioritize and arrange work assignment is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Housekeeping Cleaner (4)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. One (1) year work experience preferably in a hotel preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Public Area Attendant (1)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. One (1) year work experience preferably in a hotel preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Keep building in clean and orderly condition. Perform heavy cleaning duties, such as cleaning floors, shampooing rugs, washing walls and glass, and removing rubbish. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Must have attention to detail working carefully within the minimum time is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

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Qualifications: Minimum of two (2) to three (3) years previous work experience. Cultivates and cares for ornamental plants and installs floral displays indoor or outdoor settings through performance of any combination of following duties as directed by supervisory personnel. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

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Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our resort. To be considered, applicants must be submitted not later than March 21, 2017. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Payment Procedures for DCRM Permit Fees

CNMI Administrative Code §15-10-205(f) requires all Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) permit applications to be accompanied by a non-refundable DCRM permit application fee in accordance with the fee schedule set. All payments are to be remitted to the CNMI Treasurer.

Effective March 20, 2017, all DCRM permit applicants are required to obtain a payment voucher from DCRM before remitting payment for any and all application fees to the CNMI Treasurer. All payments made to the CNMI Treasurer must be accompanied by a DCRM payment voucher. DCRM will require all receipts of transactions to be accompanied by a payment voucher when submitting any and all applications.

/s/Frances A. Castro
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

STRATEGIC GAMING SOLUTIONS, INC.
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Must have a high school diploma or equivalent plus two (2) to three (3) years of work experience as a cook in a restaurant or hotel. Preferably with experience in Western, Japanese and Chinese cuisine. Must be willing to work shifts, holidays and weekends.

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Must have a high school diploma or equivalent plus three (3) to five (5) years of work experience as a Food and Beverage Team Leader in a Hotel or Restaurant. Must have knowledge of Micros (POS) and is able to formulate systems and procedures for the operations of the Bar, Restaurant and Kitchen.

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(3) Beautician
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Asia

Duterte asks military to tell China vast sea area 'is ours'

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—President Rodrigo Duterte said Monday he has told the military to assert Philippine ownership of a large ocean region off the country's northeastern coast where Chinese survey ships were spotted last year, in a discovery that alarmed Philippine defense officials.

Duterte said he ordered the military to assert ownership of Benham Rise in a friendly way, repeating that his country has no option but to be diplomatic because "I cannot match the might of China."

"My order to my military, you go there and tell them straight that this is ours, but I say it in friendship," Duterte said in a news conference when asked about the issue in the waters facing the Pacific Ocean.

Beijing and Manila have a separate long-running territorial feud in the South China Sea west of the Philippines, but tensions have eased considerably since Duterte took office in June and began reaching out to China. He has placed the dispute on the backburner while seeking Chinese trade and economic aid.

The Philippine military spotted the Chinese survey ships crisscrossing the Benham Rise waters suspiciously from July to December last year, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said last week. He said the government is considering an increase in patrols and the building of territorial markers in the offshore region.

The Chinese ships' presence in the area was to be discussed late Monday at a meeting of National Security Council executive members and Duterte.

The Department of Foreign Affairs said it asked China through its embassy Friday to clarify what the survey ships were doing in Benham Rise.

In 2012, the U.N. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf declared Benham Rise to be part of the Philippine continental shelf, where the country has exclusive rights to fish and exploit resources, including undersea deposits of oil and gas, Philippine officials said. The Chinese foreign ministry has said its ships have a right to pass through the area under international law.

In the South China Sea, Duterte has scuttled plans made under his predecessor for joint Philippine patrols with the U.S. Navy in disputed waters to avoid offending China. A U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, the USS Carl Vinson, has been sailing on a mission to ensure freedom of navigation in the sea, claimed virtually in its entirety by China.

"America wants to pick a fight there," said Duterte, who has openly criticized U.S. security policies. "Why would I get into a trouble in that area?

S. Korea acting leader turns down resignations by Park aides

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's acting leader on Tuesday turned down the resignation offers made by senior advisers to ousted President Park Geun-hye.

The Constitutional Court ruled Friday to formally end the presidency of Park, who was impeached by parliament in December over a huge corruption scandal. Thirteen policy advisers and other officials at the presidential Blue House tendered their resignations to Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn, who serves as government caretaker, on Monday.

But Hwang turned down the resignations to help ensure stability in state affairs, according to Hwang's office.

Hwang's office said those presidential officials have provided policy advice to Hwang since Park's impeachment.

An election to pick Park's successor will be held by May. Moon Jae-in, a liberal opposition leader who lost the 2012 presidential election to Park, is the favorite to be the country's next leader in opinion surveys.

Park also lost her presidential immunity from prosecution and will now be investigated over the scandal that has already sent dozens of high profile figures to face criminal trials.

Park could face extortion, bribery and other criminal charges, with prosecutors accusing her of colluding with a longtime confidante to extort money from businesses and also allowing the confidante to pull government strings from the shadows.

Park has denied any legal wrongdoing. After leaving the Blue House on Sunday, Park expressed defiance about the corruption allegations. "Although it will take time, I believe the truth will certainly come out," she said.

Park's comments raised worries about a further deepening of the national divide over her fate. Three people died and dozens were injured in violent clashes between Park's supporters and police following Friday's court ruling.

US applications for New Zealand citizenship jump 70 percent

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—It's one thing to talk about changing allegiance to another country when a new president is elected. It's another thing to go ahead and do it.

But that's exactly what seems to be happening, at least in one distant corner of the world.

In New Zealand, the number of Americans who applied for a grant of citizenship rose by 70 percent in the 12 weeks following the election of President Donald Trump when compared to the same period a year earlier, immigration records obtained by The Associated Press show.

Figures also show the number of Americans who obtained a New Zealand work visa in January was up 18 percent from a year earlier, as was the number of Americans who visited the country.

In New Zealand, a grant of citizenship is the pathway for people without a family connection. Among those Americans with a New Zealand parent, citizenship applications after the election were up 11 percent from a year earlier.

In response to an AP freedom of information request, New Zealand's Department of Internal Affairs said that in the two days after the U.S. election in November, the number of Americans who visited its website to find out about citizenship was up more than tenfold from the same two weekdays a month earlier.

To be sure, the total number of Americans applying for New Zealand citizenship remains relatively low. The country is more than 10,000 kilometers (6,000 miles) from the mainland U.S. and is perhaps best known for its majestic landscapes. Farming remains central to the economy, with sheep outnumbering the 4.8 million people by about six to one.

Trump made a brief reference to the country during the election campaign when a New Zealand television reporter asked him what the election would mean for the South Pacific country.

"Say hello to Bob Charles. I love Bob Charles," Trump replied. "Do you know who Bob Charles is? Your greatest golfer." Charles won the British Open in 1963.

Some Americans living in New Zealand say their friends and family have been asking them about moving there since the election.

Alanna Irving, 33, a technology startup entrepreneur from San Francisco, moved to New Zealand six years ago and has since married a kiwi, as the locals are known.

"It's an extremely livable place and you can see and palpably feel the difference in how society is organized, and what people prioritize," she said. "New Zealand is a place that cares about equality, I think more. It's less individualistic, more community-minded."

She said that a friend of a friend was so disturbed by the outcome of the election that he immediately jumped on a plane and flew to New Zealand to check it out as a possible place to live. Irving said his visit exceeded his expectations.

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invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply for the following positions:

Tour Sales Representative (11)

High School Diploma or GED with a minimum of six (6) months to one (1) year experience in travel or tour operation, sales or service related field. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages.

Interested applicants may send their resumes to savi_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than 5:00PM on March 21, 2017. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Century Tours Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Applicants must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Re-Announcement No. 16-027 (Revised)
Position Title: **Program Coordinator II (Service Learning)**
Department: Learning Support Services
Pay Level & Step: 22/01 – 22/02
Annual Salary: $26,773.63 - $27,710.10
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: March 09, 2017
Closing Date: March 20, 2017 or Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 17-014
Position Title: **Administrative Manager I**
Department: School of Education
Pay Level & Step: 20/01 – 20/02
Annual Salary: $24,330.79 - $25,182.37
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: March 13, 2017
Closing Date: March 22, 2017 or Until Filled

Announcement No. 17-010
Position Title: **Network Specialist I**
Department: Information Technology
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 32/02
Annual Salary: $43,197.84 - $44,709.77
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: March 13, 2017
Closing Date: March 22, 2017 or Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 17-008
Position Title: **Instructor, Fine Arts Visual**
Department: Social Sciences Fine Arts
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 32/02
Annual Salary: $41,527.83 - $42,981.30
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: March 13, 2017
Closing Date: March 22, 2017 or Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 17-009
Position Title: **Administrative Assistant III (SMHA)**
Department: Science, Mathematics, Health & Athletics
Pay Level & Step: 19/01 – 19/02
Annual Salary: $23,194.27 - $24,006.07
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: March 13, 2017
Closing Date: March 22, 2017 or Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 17-006
Position Title: **Program Lead: Extension Research & Communications Specialist**
Department: CREES
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 35/02
Annual Salary: $45,632.48 - $53,126.90
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: March 14, 2017
Closing Date: March 23, 2017 or Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 17-005
Position Title: **Extension Agent (Agriculture/Community Development)**
Department: CREES
Pay Level & Step: 29/01 – 29/02
Location: Rota Campus, Rota
Opening Date: March 14, 2017
Closing Date: March 23, 2017 or Until Filled

Applications must be submitted by 4:40 pm on the closing date. If there are no qualified applicants or the set of qualified applicants is deemed an insufficient pool, the closing date will be extended for two-week periods for further submission and review of applications until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day. All salaries are subject to availability of funds. The College is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

APEX BUILDERS, INC.
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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The above position will be closed on March 21, 2017.

World

WORLD BRIEFS

Scotland seeks new independence referendum amid Brexit spat

LONDON (AP)—Scotland's leader delivered a shock twist to Britain's EU exit drama on Monday, announcing that she will seek authority to hold a new independence referendum in the next two years because Britain is dragging Scotland out of the EU against its will. First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said she would move quickly to give voters a new chance to leave the United Kingdom because Scotland was being forced into a "hard Brexit" that it didn't support. Britons decided in a June 23 referendum to leave the EU, but Scots voted by 62 to 38 percent to remain. Scotland must not be "taken down a path that we do not want to go down without a choice," Sturgeon said. The move drew a quick rebuke from Prime Minister Theresa May, who said a second referendum would be hugely disruptive and was not justified because evidence shows most Scottish voters oppose a new independence vote.

Turkey sanctions the Netherlands over ministers' treatment

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Turkey announced a series of political sanctions against the Netherlands on Monday over its refusal to allow two Turkish ministers to campaign there, including halting high-level political discussions between the two countries and closing Turkish air space to Dutch diplomats. Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus, briefing journalists after the weekly council of ministers meeting, said the sanctions would apply until the Netherlands takes steps "to redress" the actions that Ankara sees as a grave insult. "There is a crisis and a very deep one. We didn't create this crisis or bring it to this stage," Kurtulmus said. "Those who did have to take steps to redress the situation." Other sanctions bar the Dutch ambassador entry back into Turkey and advise parliament to withdraw from a Dutch-Turkish friendship group. The announcement came hours after Turkey's foreign ministry formally protested the treatment of a Turkish minister who was prevented from entering a consulate in the Netherlands and escorted out of the country after trying to attend a political rally.

Prosecutor orders release of Egypt's ousted leader Mubarak

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's ousted president Hosni Mubarak was ordered to be freed from detention on Monday, according to the prosecutor who signed his release order. The decision ends nearly six years of legal proceedings against Mubarak and seems certain to revive the ongoing debate over whether the goals of the 2011 uprising that ended his reign were ever realized. The prosecutor, Ibrahim Saleh, told The Associated Press that he ordered Mubarak's release after he accepted a petition by the former president's lawyer for his freedom on the basis of time already served. Mubarak, 88, was acquitted by the country's top appeals court on March 2 of charges that he ordered the killing of protesters during the 2011 revolution. That verdict, according to Saleh, cleared the way for Mubarak's lawyer to request his release. Mubarak, according to Saleh, has already served a three-year sentence for embezzling state funds while in detention in connection with the protesters' case.

Pirates hijack freighter off Somalia's coast, officials say

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—Somali officials say pirates have hijacked a ship off the coast of the Horn of Africa nation. It is thought to be the first hijacking of a large commercial vessel there in about three years. One official in the semiautonomous state of Puntland said the incident occurred on Monday. The official said over two dozen men boarded the merchant ship off Somalia's northern coast. Another official in Puntland said the ship is a Sri Lankan-flagged freighter and was being moved toward the coast. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the press. A spokeswoman for the European Union Naval Force operation off Somalia, Flt. Lt. Louise Tagg, confirmed that an incident involving an oil tanker had occurred off the coast of Somalia and an investigation was underway. Piracy off Somalia's coast was once a serious threat to the global shipping industry. But it has lessened in recent years after an international effort to patrol near the country, whose weak central government has been trying to assert itself after a quarter-century of conflict. But frustrations have been rising among local fishermen, including former pirates, at what they say are foreign fishermen illegally fishing in local waters.

Good Housekeeping

Finding inspiration from simple ingredients

By JESSICA BANOV
THE NEWS & OBSERVER (RALEIGH, N.C.)

Several years ago, I traveled with my cousin for the first time. It was illuminating, as we had never spent so much time together—a week—outside of family gatherings.

I always knew she loved to entertain, but one of the big takeaways from our trip was that she is a really good cook. And she has a knack for finding inspiration from seemingly mismatched ingredients and putting together a tasty dish.

I was in awe as we made our way through the famous Pike Place Market in Seattle. As she eyed fresh produce and seafood, and with the assistance of a smartphone, she picked out ingredients for a butternut squash galette and other savory dishes for a farewell dinner for our host. (My cousin is the type who whips up a feast to say "thank you for letting us crash on your sofa-bed.")

I like to cook, and I like watching people enjoy the food I make. But I don't necessarily have the confidence to go to a store and craft a dish based on what's available, like my cousin did. When she came to visit me here, she repeated the feat at the State Farmers Market, and we had a lovely sweet potato-carrot soup made from the biggest carrots I've ever seen.

My cousin recently reassured me she only can do this with a recipe in hand. That made me feel better.

Still, I don't always have the time, at least during the work week after a long commute home, to make anything too involved. Sometimes takeout is just more convenient, but I know that's not the healthiest or most economic way to make dinner.

When I'm game for cooking, I try to find recipes that require little prep work, or those that you can make and have enough leftover for lunch the next day. I like the dishes to be flavorful, but if there are too many ingredients, or too many that I'll never use again, I make adaptations.

Today, I picked a quinoa corn chowder, a recipe from singer-turned-cook Trisha Yearwood. Yearwood has a show on the Food Network, and I spotted this in a recent Food Network magazine. It sounded manageable. Most of the prep work is cutting up potatoes and onions. While the recipe calls for bacon as a garnish, I skipped that step. I know. All of you bacon-lovers might be surprised, but I wanted to enjoy the flavors of the sweet corn and shrimp, without the smoky bacon getting in the way.

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This Quinoa Corn Chowder by Trisha Yearwood calls for adding bacon as a garnish.

I liked that quinoa is an ingredient. I'm always hearing how I should incorporate it into my diet, but the times I've made it, it's ended up bland. Here, it soaks up the broth flavor — chicken stock, cream and Old Bay seasoning. It also adds texture to the soup, as if I had mixed in a big box of grits.

This dish also met at least one of my parameters. It produced enough chowder for follow-up meals. Note, however, that it's helpful to have extra chicken stock around. The chowder absorbs the broth overnight. If you want more of a soupy chowder, rather than a hearty, less-soupy one, add more broth when you reheat it.

I'm looking forward to experimenting more with cooking. Who knows? Maybe I'll be able to head to a farmers market and find inspiration.

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QUINOA CORN CHOWDER

This recipe is from "Trisha's Table: My Feel-Good Favorites for a Balanced Life" by Trisha Yearwood (Clarkson Potter 2015).

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons salted butter
1 medium onion, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 cup golden quinoa
2 cups frozen whole-kernel corn, thawed (or kernels from 2 to 3 large cobs)
5 cups chicken stock (have extra available for follow-up meals)
1/2 cup heavy cream
2 pounds baby Yukon Gold potatoes, quartered
2 teaspoons Old Bay seasoning
4 ounces bacon (about 6 slices, optional)
1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
2 tablespoons fresh parsley leaves, finely chopped
4 green onions, finely chopped

In a large stockpot set over medium heat, heat the oil and butter, about 2 minutes. Add the onion and garlic, and saute until tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Add the quinoa and corn, and saute for 3 minutes more.

Add the stock, cream, potatoes and Old Bay. Increase the heat to high and bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer, uncovered, until the quinoa and potatoes are tender, about 30 minutes.

If using bacon as a garnish, use kitchen shears to cut the bacon into small pieces and add to a medium skillet set over medium heat. Cook until brown and crispy, about 4 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove to a paper towel-lined plate to drain. Set aside.

Add the shrimp to quinoa mixture and cook until they are pink and opaque, 2 to 3 minutes. Just before serving, add the parsley, green onions and bacon.

Yield 6 to 8 servings.

Enjoy this Guinness-glazed salmon dish on St. Patrick's Day or any day

By LINDA GASSENHEIMER
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

With thoughts of St. Patrick's Day enjoy this Irish-inspired quick dinner. Guinness is an Irish dry stout brewed in Dublin. For this glaze, it's cooked with honey and develops a molasses flavor.

The potatoes and leeks are first microwaved to speed the cooking time and then sauteed in the same skillet used to make the salmon.

Helpful Hints:

■ An easy way to clean leeks, is to make long cuts from the base of the leek to the tip of the leaves forming strips and run cold water through the leaves.

■ When cooking the glaze, stir constantly and watch for it to slightly thicken.

Countdown:

■ Microwave potatoes and leeks and set aside.

■ Make glaze.

■ Make salmon and then add potatoes and leeks to the skillet.

Shopping List:

Here are the ingredients you'll need for tonight's Dinner in Minutes.

To buy: 1 bottle Guinness stout, 3/4 pound salmon fillets, 1 small bottle honey, 3/4 pound yellow or red potatoes, 1 large leek.

Staples: vegetable oil spray, canola oil, salt and black peppercorns.

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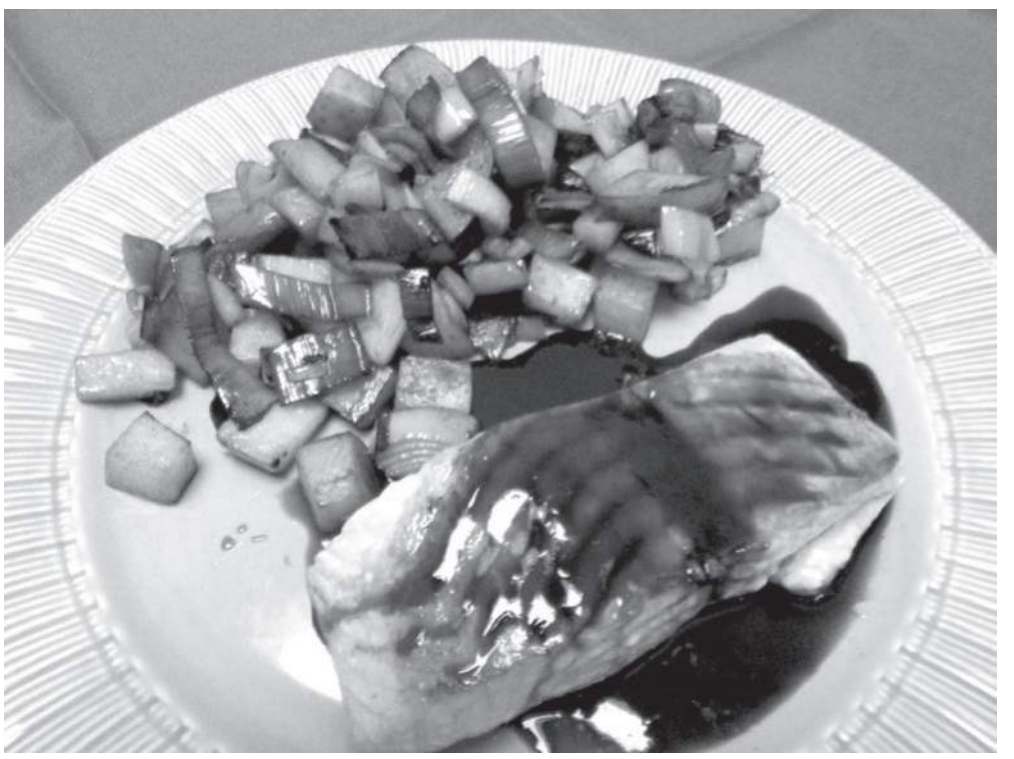
GUINNESS-GLAZED SALMON

Recipe by Linda Gassenheimer

8 ounces Guinness stout
2 tablespoons honey
Vegetable oil spray
3/4 pound wild-caught salmon fillets
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Mix Guinness and honey together in a bowl. Stir to dissolve the honey in the stout and set aside. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat and spray with vegetable oil spray. Add the salmon. Cover with a lid and cook 3 minutes. Remove cover and turn salmon over, cover and cook 3 more minutes. Remove to 2 dinner plates and sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Add the Guinness mixture to the skillet and stir constantly until sauce starts to thicken, about 5 minutes. Spoon glaze over salmon. Save skillet for the leeks and potato.



Guinness-glazed salmon.

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Yield 2 servings.

Per serving: 381 calories (30 percent from fat) 13 g fat (1.8 g saturated, 4.9 monounsaturated), 96 mg cholesterol, 34.2 g protein, 22.5 g carbohydrates, 0 g fiber, 84 mg sodium.

LEEKS AND POTATO

Recipe by Linda Gassenheimer

3/4 pound yellow or red potatoes
2 cups sliced leeks (white and green parts)
2 teaspoons canola oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Wash potatoes, do not peel. Cut into 1/2-inch pieces. Add to a microwave-safe bowl with the sliced leeks. Microwave on high 3 minutes. Set aside until needed. When salmon and glaze are removed from the skillet, add canola oil, leeks and potatoes to the skillet. Saute over high heat 3 to 4 minutes or until potatoes are crisp. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with the salmon. Yield 2 servings.

Per serving: 213 calories (21 percent from fat) 5.0 g fat (0.4 g saturated, 2.9 g monounsaturated), no cholesterol, 4.6 g protein, 39.7g carbohydrates, 4.5 g fiber, 49 mg sodium.

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(Linda Gassenheimer is the author, most recently, of "Delicious One-Pot Dishes," featuring 60 recipes designed to be stewed, braised, slow-cooked or steamed, each in a single pot. Additional titles by Gassenheimer include "Quick and Easy Chicken," "Simply Smoothies: Fresh & Fast Diabetes-Friendly Snacks & Complete Meals," "Fast and Flavorful: Great Diabetes Meals from Market to Table" and "The Flavors of the Florida Keys." Her website is dinnerinminutes.com. Follow her on Twitter @lgassenheimer. Email: linda@dinnerinminutes.com)

Life & Style

Stradivarius heard for first time since 1980 theft

NEW YORK (AP)—The three daughters of renowned violinist Roman Totenberg heard the sound of their late father's Stradivarius for the first time since it was stolen nearly four decades ago.

The prized 18th century instrument came back to life Monday night at a private Manhattan concert, tucked under the chin of longtime Totenberg student Mira Wang.

"It has such a different sound than most violins, it's so rich and so deep, and it gave the three of us the feeling that our father was present in the room with us again tonight," said Jill Totenberg, a public relations executive who sat in the audience alongside her sisters, Nina Totenberg, the National Public Radio legal affairs correspondent, and Amy Totenberg, a federal judge.

The "Ames" Stradivarius, named after a violinist who once owned it, was made in Italy in 1734 and is now worth millions of dollars.

The instrument Totenberg called his "musical partner of 38 years" disappeared in 1980 while he was greeting admirers after a concert in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He said then that he knew who had stolen it—an aspiring young violinist he'd seen before, lurking around. It was, in fact, the same Philip Johnson who proved to be the thief.

After Johnson died in 2011, his ex-wife had the violin examined by an expert, then alerted authorities and eventually relinquished the instrument to the FBI.

Totenberg's violin was personally returned to the family in 2015 by Preet Bharara, then the U.S. Attorney in Manhattan.

It had been impeccably restored by a team working with New York string instrument specialist Bruno Price.

"All three of us are so excited that it's back, it's in one piece and it plays," said Jill Totenberg.

The family will sell the violin once the right new owner is found—to a performer or a sponsor who will make sure the instrument is played and heard.

Wang, a world-class soloist who has appeared at Carnegie Hall, is the natural choice to be playing her teacher's violin. She had immigrated to the United States from China 30 years ago to study with the Polish-born master who died in 2012 at the age of 101.

He did not live to see his violin recovered.

The artistry Wang absorbed from him was heard Monday in chamber music by Felix Mendelssohn and Antonin Dvorak that she played with several other musicians.

Losing the violin was "like if someone took your arm, just for fun, and never returned it," says Wang.

And playing the long-dormant Stradivarius now "is like discovering a sleeping beauty."

TV drama 'Greenleaf' helps get Oprah Winfrey's TV mojo back

ATLANTA (AP)—Oprah Winfrey had long been looking for something that would keep OWN viewers from switching to other channels. The answer to her prayers turned out to be a juicy drama series set in a house of worship.

"Greenleaf," which co-stars Winfrey in a recurring role, premiered last year as the most-watched debut in the six-year history of her network and has given the media mogul a boost of confidence.

"It helped me trust my instincts, because for the first couple of years of OWN, I lost a sense of what would work or not," Winfrey said. "We were trying to do so many different things. Trying, trying and trying things all the time. When this worked, I thought 'OK, I now see that when you move and operate specifically from the core of what you believe is right, it works.'"

"Greenleaf " delves into a story about the troubled first family of a sprawling Memphis, Tennessee, megachurch where adultery and domestic abuse causes disorder. The second season of the show premieres Wednesday at 10 p.m. EDT on OWN.

The show stars Merle Dandridge as Grace "Gigi" Greenleaf, the estranged daughter who returns home after 20 years and is trying to investigate her family's past crimes. Her character has been thrust into the pulpit as a pastor at her family's megachurch business, which is ran by her parents, Bishop James (Keith David) and Lady Mae (Lynn Whitfield). Winfrey plays the role of bar owner Mavis McCready, the sister of Lady Mae.

Whitfield said she's always trusted Winfrey's vision, but she initially wondered how viewers would perceive the show, which Winfrey is co-executive producer.

"We didn't know what it was going to be like," Whitfield said. "But going through the summer and seeing how social media critiqued it, people really loved and craved the story. It shows her instincts were right. But it goes back to the honestly of show. People are really relating to the core of our characters and the situations that are setup."

Winfrey believed she had a compelling story on her hands with "Greenleaf," knowing the show was "meaningful, juicy and soapy" enough to draw consistent viewers but wondered if the numbers would ultimately back that up. Her worries were short lived after she saw the first season's overall ratings.

The show also pulled in an average of more than 3.2 million viewers, only second behind Tyler Perry's hit show "The Haves and Have Nots," which averaged 3.7 million, according to Nielsen.

The results caused Winfrey to breathe a sigh of relief, especially since there was no huge marketing budget behind "Greenleaf." The network tried to use the leverage of Perry's strong fan base through his shows on the network to launch a new series, but struggled for years fill the void until "Greenleaf."

Winfrey said the show brought new energy to her network.

"In the past, we couldn't get Tyler's audience to stay for anything," she said. "They would just come in and then they go. So to be able to get a great percentage of his audience, I think around 70 percent, to stay tuned for something else other than a Tyler-produced show, it was a new feat for us. It was a new accomplishment for us."

Some originally thought "Greenleaf" would be an attack on black churches. But that wasn't how the show was received by churchgoers who watched the series, said Dandridge.

"They really embraced it," said the actor, acknowledging that her family who attends black churches supports the show's content. "It's powerfully meaningful to me. I think for some people, they are like voyeurs of what happens behind those walls."

With the success of "Greenleaf," it opened the door for another hit show on OWN: "Queen Sugar."

"With both shows, we're trying to hit the nerve of reality that resides in every person," Winfrey said.

'Beauty and the Beast' shelved in Malaysia despite approval

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Walt Disney has shelved the release of its new movie "Beauty and the Beast" in mainly Muslim Malaysia, even though film censors said Tuesday it had been approved with a minor cut involving a "gay moment."

The country's two main cinema chains said the movie, due to begin screening Thursday, has been postponed indefinitely. No reason was given.

Film Censorship Board chairman Abdul Halim Abdul Hamid said he did not know why the film was postponed as it was approved by the board after a minor gay scene was axed. He said scenes promoting homosexuality were forbidden and that the film was given a P13 rating, which requires parental guidance for children under 13 years of age.

"We have approved it but there is a minor cut involving a gay moment. It is only one short scene but it is inappropriate because many children will be watching this movie," Abdul Halim told The Associated Press.

He said there was no appeal from Disney about the decision to cut the gay scene.

Disney officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The Star English-language newspaper cited the Disney company as saying the movie was postponed for an "internal review."

The film's characters include manservant LeFou, who plays the sidekick to the story's villain Gaston, and, according to director Bill Condon, "is confused about his sexuality." Condon has described a brief scene as a "gay moment."

Russia last week approved the movie but banned children under 16 from watching it.

Malaysia's censors in 2010 loosened decades of restrictions on sexual and religious content in movies, but still kept a tight leash on tiny bikinis, kisses and passionate hugs. The new rules allowed depiction of gay characters, but only if they show repentance or are portrayed in a negative light. Sodomy, even if consensual, is punishable by up to 20 years in prison and whipping in Malaysia.

HÅFA ADAI PLEDGE

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Guam senators take the Guam Visitor Bureau's Håfa Adai Pledge on Friday, March 10. From left, Sen. Louise B. Muna; Sen. Mary C. Torres; Sen. Frank B. Aguon Jr.; Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje; GVB board member Bart Jackson; Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz; Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez Jr., chairman of the tourism committee; GVB director of Global Marketing Pilar Laguana; GVB board member Young Sook Hong; Sen. Joe S. San Agustin; GVB director of Tourism Research Ana Cid; Sen. Fernando B. Esteves; GVB acting president and CEO Antonio Muña Jr.; Sen. Regine Biscoe Lee; Sen. James V. Espaldon; GVB board member Theresa Arriola; and Sen. Thomas A. Morrison.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Ed Sheeran to guest star on 'Game of Thrones'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Ed Sheeran will guest star in the upcoming season of "Game of Thrones." The show's producers made the announcement Sunday night during a panel discussion at the South by Southwest festival in Texas. Producer David Benioff told the audience that they've been trying to get the 26-year-old British singer a spot on the show for years to surprise Sheeran fan Maisie Williams, who plays Arya Stark on the HBO fantasy drama. The seventh season of "Game of Thrones" premieres on HBO July 16.

Criss Angel blames poor eating, sleeping for Vegas mishap

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Criss Angel is blaming a poor diet and lack of sleep for an on stage mishap that sent him to a hospital. The 49-year-old magician was attempting a trick at his Las Vegas show Friday where he tries to escape from a straitjacket while hanging upside down. Angel lost consciousness and was lowered to the stage while the crowd looked on. He tells ABC News this was the first time he lost consciousness during a show. He explains that he hasn't been eating properly, has only been sleeping about two hours a night and wasn't hydrated. Angel returned to the stage the next day and successfully completed the trick.

Russian announces its Eurovision entry

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia has announced its entry in the upcoming Eurovision song contest, seemingly putting an end to speculation that Russia might boycott the politically charged competition in Kiev. Several Russian lawmakers and entertainment stars have called to boycott the competition to be held in the Ukrainian capital in May as once friendly relations between the two-countries turned into open animosity following Russia's annexation of Crimea and support for separatist rebels. Russian broadcaster Channel One announced on Sunday that 27-year-old Yulia Samoylova would represent Russia at the contest with the song "Flame is Burning." Samoylova, who has used a wheelchair since childhood, was a finalist in Russia's X Factor in 2013 and sang at the opening of the 2014 Paralympic Games in Sochi. The Eurovision contest was often used as the stage for settling political scores

MTV Movie Awards get a reboot with addition of TV nods

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The MTV Movie Awards are getting a reboot. Network officials announced Monday that after 25 years of celebrating everything from the irreverent to the excellent in movies, they will be adding television to the lineup. The new "MTV Movie & TV Awards" will air live on Sunday, May 7, from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. The network is also turning the run-up to the live show into a full-fledged "Movie & Television Festival" with live musical acts and a red carpet. Chris McCarthy, president of MTV, said great storytelling and characters resonate regardless of whether they are seen in a theater or on TV. With awards ranging from Best Kiss to Best Fight, the celebrity friendly show has also served as an annual promotional vehicle for upcoming summer blockbusters.

Pandora starts on-demand music subscription service

NEW YORK (AP)—Internet radio company Pandora is launching an on-demand music service for $10 a month. Pandora's existing service works more like radio. People listen to music on customizable stations. The premium service launching this month will let users choose specific songs or albums and will personalize recommendations based on people's listening habits. There is also an "offline mode." The new Pandora Premium offering will compete with Apple Music and Spotify, both of which have given the music-streaming pioneer a run for its money. Spotify has 50 million subscribers, while Pandora had about 4.4 million as of the end of 2016. That's because most people listen to Pandora without paying; the company has 81 million total "active listeners." Until now, the Pandora subscription mostly stripped out ads—for $5 a month.

Snoop Dogg aims gun at clown dressed as Trump in new video

NEW YORK (AP)—Snoop Dogg aims a toy gun at a clown dressed as Republican President Donald Trump in a new music video featuring a population of clowns. The video was posted Sunday. In it Snoop Dogg shoots at Trump a gun that releases the word "bang." The music video also shows a TV airing a news conference with the headline "Ronald Klump wants to deport all doggs," airing live from "The Clown House." Most of the people in the video are dressed as clowns aside from Snoop Dogg. Actor-comedian Michael Rapaport stars in the clip. He's pulled over and shot by a police officer, which is filmed by an onlooker. The video is for a remixed version of the song "Lavender," by Canadian group BADBADNOTGOOD featuring Snoop Dogg and Kaytranada.

Michelle Obama writes college letter for 'Black-ish' star

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Black-ish" star Yara Shahidi had lots of fans and supporters as she applied for college. She also had a letter of recommendation—and some encouragement—from Michelle Obama. Shahidi tells W magazine that the former first lady gave her a "go get 'em, tiger" backrub before Shahidi took her Advanced Placement exams. She says Obama is "very amazing and such a supporter, which is something very surreal to say." Obama and Shahidi appeared on stage together in Washington in October for an International Day of the Girl event hosted by Glamour Magazine. Shahidi is set to begin shooting a pilot for a spinoff series featuring her "Black-ish" character, Zoey Johnson on ABC.

'Dragon Tattoo' follow-up coming in 2018 with new cast

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lisbeth Salander is coming back to the big screen in 2018, but she won't be played by Rooney Mara or Noomi Rapace. Columbia Pictures announced Monday a follow-up to "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" will begin production in September with a new cast, and Fede Alvarez will be the director. It'll be based on author David Lagercrantz's "The Girl in the Spider's Web," the fourth book in the series created by Stieg Larsson. The film has been set for an October 2018 release. Columbia released a David Fincher adaptation of "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" in 2011 starring Mara and Daniel Craig. Rumors of a follow-up with the same cast have circled for years. Alvarez, who directed the thriller "Don't Breathe" is on the hunt for new actors.

The Who will take up Las Vegas residency this summer

LAS VEGAS (AP)—The Who is taking up residency at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas this summer. Caesars Entertainment announced Monday that the Rock and Roll Hall of Famers will become the first rock band to take up residence at the hotel-casino's Colosseum since the venue opened in 2003. The first run opens July 29 with six shows through Aug. 11. Tickets go on Friday at prices from $76 to $501. The Who have sold more than 100 million records since forming in 1964. Their hit albums include "My Generation," ''Tommy" and "Quadrophenia."

YOUNG SHELDON AP

This Feb. 7, 2017 file photo shows Iain Armitage at the Los Angeles premiere of the HBO series, "Big Little Lies." Armitage will star in "The Big Bang Theory" spinoff, "Young Sheldon," portraying Jim Parson's character Sheldon Cooper at the age of 9. CBS said Monday that "Young Sheldon" will air this coming season. The comedy is set during the childhood of Parsons' character on the original series. The precocious 9-year-old Sheldon is living with his family in Texas and attending high school. Parsons, as the adult Sheldon, will serve as narrator. Chuck Lorre, co-creator of "The Big Bang Theory," created "Young Sheldon" with Steven Molaro. Filmmaker Jon Favreau ("The Jungle Book," Iron Man") is directing the first episode. An airdate for the spinoff was not announced.

One way to measure success is how your kids describe you

DEAR ABBY: My son and his wife just gave us the news that they are expecting their first child. They have waited five years for this wonderful milestone, and I am delighted. I know they will be excellent parents.

I remember seeing a short poem in your column called "Success." Could you reprint it? I'd like to clip it and give it to the parents-to-be.

MARIE IN DAYTON, OHIO

DEAR MARIE: I'm glad to oblige, and I hope your son and daughter-in-law will enjoy it. It was penned by Martin Buxbaum, a noted poet from Maryland who passed away in 1991. It's included in my "Keepers" booklet, which is a collection of often-requested gems that have appeared in this column. Because so many readers asked for copies of them, they were turned into a booklet. Read on:

SUCCESS

You can use any measure
When you're speaking of success.
You can measure it in fancy home,
Expensive car or dress.
But the measure of your real success
Is the one you cannot spend.
It's the way your kids describe you
When they're talking to a friend.

"Keepers" covers subjects ranging from temptation to forgiveness, animals, children and human nature. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 in U.S. funds to: Dear Abby Keepers, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Filled with down-to-earth nuggets of wisdom, both witty and philosophical, "Keepers" is a quick and easy read, and an inexpensive, welcome gift for newly married couples, pet lovers, new parents or anyone recovering from an illness.

DEAR ABBY: My husband wants to be with other women. He has spent the last 12 years asking for a threesome. I love him and don't want to share him with the world, but he doesn't love me the same.

We have been together more than 29 years. He says he just wants to have fun. Since I'm not interested in swinging with him and others, should I just get a divorce? I believe he won't be complete until he gets to enjoy his life the way he wants, and I'm tired of having my feelings hurt each time he meets someone he wants to be with.

I'm a 51-year-old woman who is still very sexually active, yet I am not enough for him. I have tried everything. I'm tired. Dear Abby, please help.

DOESN'T WANT TO SHARE HIM

DEAR DOESN'T WANT TO SHARE HIM: Because your husband wants an open marriage and you don't, it appears the two of you have reached an impasse. Your husband craves the one thing no one woman can give him -- variety. It has nothing to do with your not being "enough." For this reason you should consult an attorney about your options. I am truly sorry for your pain.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

MOM SAYS DEATH IS AS NATURAL AS BIRTH, AND IT'S ALL PART OF THE LIFE CYCLE.
SHE SAYS WE DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND IT, BUT THERE ARE MANY THINGS WE DON'T UNDERSTAND, AND WE JUST HAVE TO DO THE BEST WE CAN WITH THE KNOWLEDGE WE HAVE.
I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE.
...BUT DON'T YOU GO ANYWHERE.
DON'T WORRY.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

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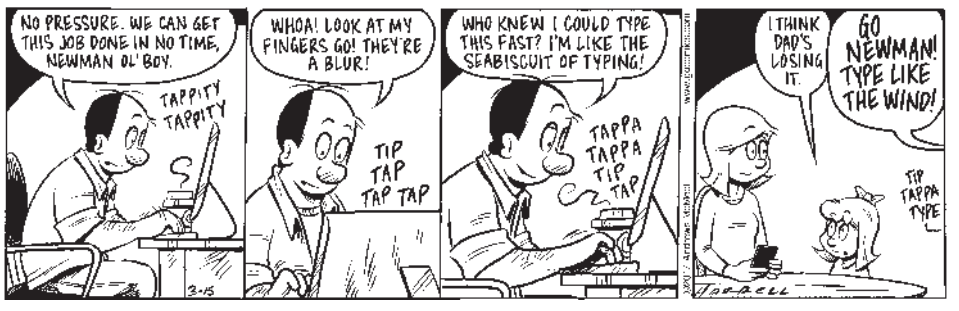
By Bryan Basset


NO PRESSURE. WE CAN GET THIS JOB DONE IN NO TIME, NEWMAN OL' BOY.
TAPPITY TAPPITY
WHOA! LOOK AT MY FINGERS GO! THEY'RE A BLUR!
TIP TAP TAP TAP
WHO KNEW I COULD TYPE THIS FAST? I'M LIKE THE SEABISCUIT OF TYPING!
TAPPA TAPPA TIP TAP
I THINK DAD'S LOSING IT.
GO NEWMAN! TYPE LIKE THE WIND!
TIP TAPPA TYPE

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

MY BOSS IS SO INSULTING!...
HE TOLD ME HE COULD HIRE A MONKEY TO DO WHAT I DO.
I WAS SO MAD, I GOT DOWN OFF MY DESK, GRABBED MY BANANA AND STORMED OUT OF THE ROOM.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Staffer
5 Wood-shaping tool
8 Bluenose
12 Heart of the matter
13 Cattle call
14 Sitarist Shankar
15 Pasadena arena
17 Exam format
18 Doorway
19 Arrival
21 Hardy lass
24 Steal from
25 Taverns
28 Circle dance
30 Lyricist Gershwin
33 Hosp. area
34 Insertion symbol
35 Zodiac animal
36 — Moines
37 Actress Perlman
38 Probability
39 Numerical prefix
41 Serb or Croat
43 Lose one's shirt
46 "Unhand me!"
50 Tarzan's clique
51 Reuben base
54 Guys' dates
55 Charged bit
56 Surrealist Salvador
57 Sax range
58 Boxer
59 Yemen neighbor

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2 Press
3 White-glove discovery
4 Puts to use, as influence
5 I love (Lat.)
6 Part of DJIA
7 "J'accuse" writer
8 Utah city
9 Unique person
10 Tennis great Lendl
11 Coated with gold
16 "See ya!"
20 "Phooey!"
22 Persian leader
23 Tender spots
25 Auction action
26 High card
27 U.S. region where industry once thrived
29 Authentic
31 "Awesome!"
32 Early hrs.
34 Sportscaster Collinsworth
38 Go too far
40 Rene of "Ransom"
42 Priestly garment
43 Infatuated
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48 Big bash
49 Valhalla VIP
52 One of us
53 Chang's brother

Solution time: 23 mins.

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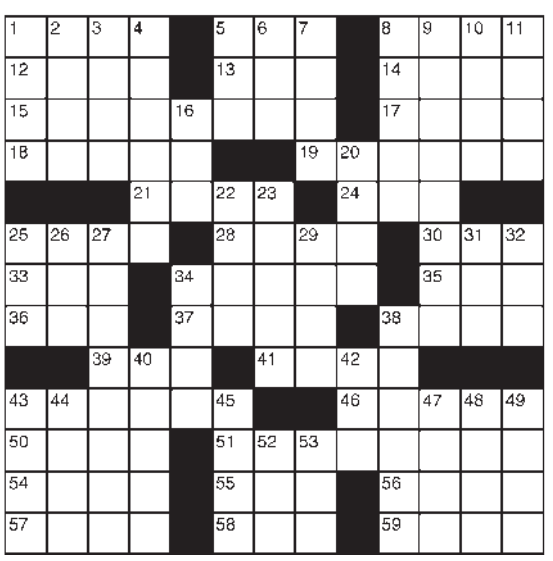
Yesterday's answer 3-15



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kellan Lutz, 32; will.i.am, 42; Eva Longoria, 42; Bret Michaels, 54.

Happy Birthday: Push back if someone tries to control or limit what you can do. Use your voice to express your concerns. Consider what you want out of life and the best ways to go about reaching your goals. Don't settle for less when you have what it takes to achieve whatever you set out to do. Believe in yourself. Your numbers are 3, 10, 22, 26, 32, 39, 44.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*: Pick up the pace and strive to do things that will improve your physical, emotional and mental outlook. Knowing what you want will help you make wise choices. Act fearlessly to bring about positive changes. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*: Impulsiveness will lead to mistakes and frustration. Taking a realistic view of the situation you face will be necessary. Aim for stability, not outcomes that will have divisive effects. Truth and integrity will make a difference in the end. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*: Opportunities will bring about change. Don't disclose information that may be incriminating. Instead, handle matters with diplomacy to avoid being forced to do so. A clearheaded approach to what others have to say will buy you time. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*: Keep an open mind and consider what others suggest. Working with others will help you gain trust and achieve the foresight to make choices that will improve your popularity as well as your clout. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*: Look inward and question your position and your long-term goals. Consider new ways to help you achieve what's most important to you. Don't let anger cloud your vision or cause you to end up in a stalemate. Aim to get along with others. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*: Show how passionate you are about reaching your goals and you will gain support from an unusual source. Take hold of situations without making a fuss or being aggressive or critical. How you handle others will determine the outcome. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*: Money matters will intensify. When dealing with others or sorting out pending problems with contracts or agreements, try your best to avoid letting your anger rise to the surface. You'll accomplish more if you offer friendly alternatives. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*: Emotions will rise to the surface. Express your thoughts carefully and you will have a positive impact on those you come into contact with. Anger will lead to frustration and a stalemate. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*: Emotions will set off a fire in your belly. Follow your heart and keep your head and you will come up with a plan that will work in your favor. Love and romance will alleviate some of the problems you face. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*: Spur-of-the-moment decisions can be exciting, but will also cause emotional turmoil for those who don't embrace change. Think twice before you upset someone on your team. Aim for simple and moderate actions. ✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*: Get involved in what's going on in your community. You can make a difference if you stand up for your rights. Look back and draw on what has worked well for you in the past. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*: Schmooze, play the game and develop good relationships with the people you meet without giving away your personal secrets or big ideas. Offering friendly banter will result in greater popularity and the promise of favors and support. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are quick-witted, friendly and emotional. You are caring and progressive.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/15

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty level ★★★ 3/14

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

DESIGNER JEANS Solution: 5 letters

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1 Accountant, 2 Maids & Housekeeping Cleaner, 1 Plumber, 2 General Maintenance & Repair Worker, 1 Carpenter, minimum salary. Please mail resume to Life Care Center International Inc. P.O. Box 505478, Saipan MP 96950 or call 670-288-6903/04 look for Robert.

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3 Cook (Korean cuisine): $6.55-$7.05/hr. At least 2 years of professional cooking experience in Korean cuisine required.
4 Waiter/Waitress: $6.55-$7.05/hr. At least 1 year's experience required. Email resume to yul@hanmisaipan.com.

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(1) Wait Staff
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent. At least 6 months serving experience required or 6 months current hosting experience. Restaurant and beverage experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to speak Mandarin Chinese. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early morning hours, evenings and/or weekends.

Application forms may be obtained and submitted to our Security Office located on the South Wing of Fiesta Resort & Spa. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Monday, March 20, 2017.

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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Interested applicants may send their applications to recruitment@poiaviation.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than March 22, 2017. Applications for employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the POI Aviation Building on International Terminal LP, Saipan International Airport. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Housekeeping Manager (1)
Qualification: At least 5 years of progressive experience in a hotel or a related field; or a 2-year college degree and 3 or more years of related experience; or a 4-year college degree and at least 1 year of related experience. Supervisory experience required. Must be proficient in computer software applications, strong customer service and time management skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

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Bank of Saipan

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
JOB VACANCY

POSITION: Accounting Supervisor

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree major in Accounting (may be foreign equivalent), 5 years accounting experience in banking related business. Manage and oversee the daily accounting department operations of bank located in Saipan, CNMI. Ensure that bank internal controls, policies, procedures and accounting objectives are implemented accordingly. Supervise and train accounting personnel in various bank accounting duties and responsibilities.

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(2) Maintenance – Atleast high school graduate . A valid driver's license. Ability to use efficiently various power and hand tools. Knows how to follow oral written instructions and can communicate efficiently and fluently in both witten and oral form.

(1) Accounting Clerk – Atleast 2 yrs. experience. Proficient in various computer software, such as MS Excel, Word, Peach Tree & other Accounting Softwares.

(2) Auto Mechanic – Must have atleast 2 yrs. work related experience. Excellent diagnostic/ repair skills of vehicle systems. High self motivation.

(5) Trash Collector – Atleast High School graduate. With valid driver's license. Needs to be physically fit and willing to work flexible time and must be hardworking.

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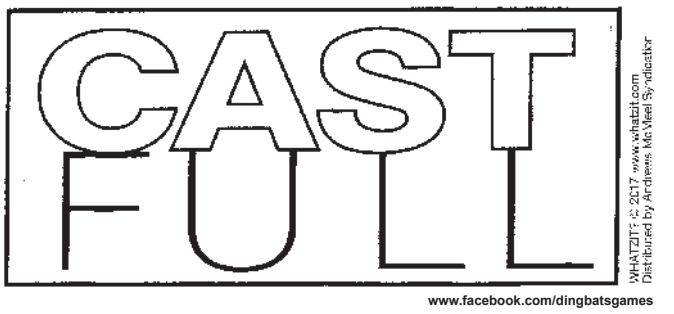

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High School Diploma or GED with a minimum of six (6) months to one (1) year experience in travel or tour operation, sales or service related field. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages.

Interested applicants may send their resumes to ceti_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than 5:00PM on March 20, 2017. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Century Tours Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Applicants must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

Century Hotel

(3) General Maintenance Worker
Qualification: Minimum of 2 years work experience as a handyman preferable in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) Housekeeping Cleaner (Part-Time)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum 6 months work experience preferable in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Applications may be obtained and submitted at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's security office located at the south wing, ground floor. Dead-line for submission of application is March 20, 2017.

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(3) WAITRESS; (1) BARTENDER
2-3 years experience as waitress or bartender in a Night Bar or an Entertainment Business
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- Full time with flexible working hours
- Preferably can speak Japanese language fluently

(6) BUILDING MAINTENANCE;
(5) MASON/CARPENTER
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- Install, service and repair of Central Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Systems
- Repair and service of Chilled Water Air-Conditioning System
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

Other requirements:
- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- EPA Section 608 (Certification required)
- Maintenance Technician & Electrical Safety Course in accordance with 29CFR 1910 Standard (Preferable)
- Must possess good communication skill

One (1) HEAD TECHNICIAN-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION
- Read and interpret blueprints, technical drawings, schematics and computer-generated reports
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- Oversee installation, operation, maintenance and repair to ensure equipment are functioning according to specifications
- Install, service and repair of Central Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Systems
- Repair and service of Chilled Water Air-Conditioning System
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

Other requirements:
- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- 4-year Bachelor of Science degree from reputable College or University
- EPA Section 608 (Certification required)
- Must possess good communication skill

Two (2) SHEET METAL WORKERS
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- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- Must possess good communication skill

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- Must be proficient on Computer Software such as Peachtree Accounting System, MS Excel and MS Word
- Minimum 5-year work experience required

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
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ACCOUNTANT (1)
- Prepare, examine and analyze accounting records, financial statements, and other financial reports to assess accuracy, completeness and conformance to reporting and procedural standards.
- Compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns ensuring compliance with payment, reporting and other tax requirements.
- Analyze business operations, trends, costs, revenues, financial commitments and obligations to project futures revenues and expenses
- Report to management regarding the finances of the company
- Established tables of accounts, and assign entries to proper accounts;
- Maintain and analyze budgets preparing monthly profit & loss reports;
- Develop, implement, modify and document record keeping and accounting system
- Prepares payroll
- Prepare and reconcile Bank Statement;
- And perform other related duties as required

Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with 5 years progressive experience, Familiar with petroleum Industry activities. Must have good communication skills and can do multitasking. Organized, self-motivated, responsible and able to manage deadlines. Proficient in Peachtree, Excel and MS Word software.

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- Operates commercial motor vehicle that transports hazardous materials such as petroleum diesel
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
WUSHIN CORPORATION

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sam Corporation
Preferred applicants are local and/or valid US working status.

Sales Associates: Must have 1-year experience in sales and marketing of wine, liquor, and spirits. Must have a clean police record and valid driver's license. Must be able to communicate in English, must be able to read and write. Must be computer literate with background in Microsoft and Outlook. Must be able to lift heavy boxes. Pay: Minimum wage + sales incentive

Sales Manager: Must have 3-5 years experience in sales and marketing of wine, liquor, and spirits. Must have a clean police record and valid driver's license. Must be able to communicate in English, must be able to read and write. Must be computer literate with background in Microsoft and Outlook. Must be able to lift heavy boxes. Pay: Wage is determined by experience + sales incentive

Account Manager: Must have 2-4 years experience in accounting and marketing of wine, liquor, and spirits. Must have a clean police record and valid driver's license. Must be able to communicate in English, must be able to read and write. Must be computer literate with background in Microsoft and Outlook. Must be able to lift heavy boxes. Pay: Wage is determined by experience + sales incentive

Master Rum Distiller: Must have experience in distilling rum from molasses or brown sugar. Must have experience with fermentation and distilling a single and double column still. Must be computer literate with background in Microsoft and Outlook. Must be able to lift heavy boxes. . Must be able to communicate in English, must be able to read and write. Pay: Wage is determined by experience + production incentive

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Deadline for submission: March 30, 2017

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Finance Manager (1)
Bachelor degree in Accounting, Business Administration or related area. Three (3) or four (4) years experience in accounting, management of financial systems and budgets, financial reporting, financial data analysis and forecasting, auditing, taxation and providing financial advice preferably in the gaming industry. Must be extremely number-oriented and computer literate with superior spreadsheet skills, proficiency in SAP Accounting Software and Excel highly preferred.

General Manager (1)
College graduate in Business Management plus ten (10) years casino management experience and five (5) years as a Casino Manager. Knowledge in financial management, forecasting and budgeting, strategic planning, marketing brand reinforcement, networking and stakeholder communication skills.

Cook (1)
Must have a high school diploma or equivalent plus two (2) years of work experience as a cook in a restaurant or hotel. Preferably with experience in Western, Japanese and Chinese cuisine. Must be willing to work shifts, holidays and weekends.

Administrative Accounting Clerk (1)
Bachelor degree in Accounting plus two (2) to three (3) years accounting experience. Must be familiar with SAP and Excel.

Food and Beverage Manager (1)
Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management, business administration or equivalent plus three (3) to four (4) years experience in restaurant, bar business and food handling. Knowledge and experience in strategic planning, workforce planning, performance management and alignment, highly motivated, organized, outgoing with excellent communication and leadership skills.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than **5:00pm, Friday, March 23, 2017.**

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(3) Accounting Clerk – Atleast 2 yrs. experience. Proficient in various computer software, such as MS Excel, Word, Peach Tree & other Accounting Softwares.

(1) Barber/Beautician – One to Two years experience as Barber/Beautician. Knowledgeable in giving Hair Cut, Hair Colors, Hair High-lights.

(1) Sewing Machine Operator – High School Diploma or general education degree; or one to 2 yrs. related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

(1) Inventory Clerk – High School Diploma or general education degree; or one to 2 yrs. related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

(1) Store Keeper – Atleast High School Graduate and with 2 yrs. experience. Trustworthy and willing to work flexible time.

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General Maintenance (2): Duties may involve skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Can typically perform variety of task such as sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking and installing, repairing buildings, floors or stairs.

Additional Requirements: Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and flexible in work hours. All applicants must be of good health and good moral character must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test.

Applicants of position listed above are required to have a minimum of 2-3 years of experience.

We are an equal opportunity employer. Qualified applicants will be considered.

Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant MISA Bldg.1 in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan. Please no phone calls.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
WINCHELL'S DONUTS

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Spurs beat Hawks to join Warriors with NBA's best record

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Kawhi Leonard scored 31 points in his return from a concussion and the San Antonio Spurs equaled Golden State for the NBA's best record with a 107-99 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Monday night.

San Antonio made a season-high 16 3-pointers in its 19th straight home victory over Atlanta. The Spurs and Warriors are 52-14 with 16 games remaining, including the final regular-season matchup between them on March 29.

Atlanta point guard Dennis Schroder had 22 points and 10 assists, shooting 10 for 22 from the field. Tim Hardaway Jr. added 17 points, but the Hawks had their three-game winning streak snapped.

San Antonio's Patty Mills had 15 points and Danny Green added 14. The starting guards combined to shoot 7 for 12 on 3-pointers and the team finished 16 for 34 on 3s.

AP

San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard (2) tries to work the ball between Atlanta Hawks defenders Dwight Howard (8) and Thabo Sefolosha (25) during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, March 13, 2017, in San Antonio.

Jazz 114, Clippers 108

In Salt Lake City, Gordon Hayward scored 27 points and Utah broke a nine-game home losing streak to Los Angeles.

The victory gave the Jazz a two-game lead over the Clippers in the race for the No. 4 playoff seed in the Western Conference and home-court advantage in the first round.

Utah scored 40 points in the third quarter, a season-high for any quarter, after trailing much of the first half. George Hill was much more aggressive on the offensive end after a sluggish first half and the Jazz missed just four of 17 shots in the period while hitting all six 3-point attempts. The ball movement was outstanding on offense and nearly everyone got in the mix.

Chris Paul had 33 points, six rebounds and six assists for the Clippers.

Timberwolves 119, Wizards 104

In Minneapolis, Karl-Anthony Towns had 39 points and 13 rebounds while Ricky Rubio scored 22 points and broke his own franchise record with 19 assists as Minnesota beat Washington.

Nemanja Bjelica added 16 points and 10 boards off the bench for the Timberwolves, who entered the game 3½ games behind Denver for the eighth seed in the Western Conference. Minnesota shot 52 percent and Rubio topped 20 points in back-to-back games for the second time in his six-year career.

John Wall scored 27 points for the Wizards, who fell 2 ½ games back of Cleveland for the top seed in the Eastern Conference. Bradley Beal added 20 points, but Washington lost for the first time in six games.

Grizzlies 113, Bucks 93

In Memhis, Tennessee, Vince Carter made all eight of his shots, including six from beyond the arc, to score a season-high 24 points and lead Memphis past Milwaukee.

The 40-year-old Carter set a season high for 3-point makes in his first start of the season. Memphis shot 52 percent for the game, including 14 of 27 from deep.

Memphis stopped a five-game skid by ending the Bucks' six-game winning streak.

Mike Conley had 20 points and 10 assists for Memphis, while Tony Allen scored 15 points. Zach Randolph finished with 14 points.

Giannis Antetokounmpo led the Bucks with 18 points, while Malcolm Brogdon contributed 15 off the bench. Greg Monroe and Matthew Dellavedova finished with 13 points each for Milwaukee, which started a six-game trip against Western Conference teams.

Bulls 115, Hornets 109

In Charlotte, North Carolina , Nikola Mirotic scored 24 points, Rajon Rondo had a season-high 20 in his return to the starting lineup and Chicago beat Charlotte to snap a season-high, five-game losing streak.

Dwyane Wade and Jimmy Butler each had 23 points for the Bulls (32-35), who got a needed win to boost their hopes of earning the eighth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Mirotic, who didn't play in Chicago's loss to Boston on Sunday, had five 3-pointers, while Rondo provided the spark for the Bulls in his first start since Dec. 30. Along with hitting a season-high three 3-pointers, he had six assists and seven rebounds.

Jeremy Lamb scored 26 points filling in for Nic Batum (migraine), while Michael Kidd-Gilchrist had 22 and Kemba Walker 21 for the struggling Hornets. Marvin Williams had 13 points and tied a career high with 18 rebounds.

Raptors 100, Mavericks 78

In Toronto, DeMar DeRozan scored 25 points, Norman Powell added 19 and Toronto beat Dallas for the third straight time.

Jonas Valanciunas had 14 points and 12 rebounds as the Raptors beat Dallas for the sixth time in their last eight meetings. Toronto swept the season series last year.

Harrison Barnes had 18 points and Dirk Nowitzki scored 17 for Dallas, which lost starting forward Wesley Matthews to a strained right calf. Matthews, who was averaging 14.7 points coming into the game, was removed with 1:07 to play in the first half and did not return.

The Raptors led by 13 entering the fourth quarter, then opened the period with a 10-2 run that extended the lead to 21 in the opener of the Mavericks' four-game road swing.

Nuggets 129, Lakers 101

In Denver, Will Barton and Jamal Murray scored 22 points apiece and Denver beat Los Angeles for its third win in a row, matching a season high.

Danilo Gallinari and Nikola Jokic each added 18 points for the Nuggets, who have a two-game lead over Portland for the No. 8 playoff seed in the Western Conference with 15 games to play.

Ivica Zubac had 25 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers, who have lost 10 of their last 11. Jordan Clarkson, who got the start ahead of D'Angelo Russell, added 19 points and Brandon Ingram had 14.

Kings 120, Magic 115

In Sacramento, California, Darren Collison had 19 points and 13 assists, reserve Anthony Tolliver also scored 19 points and Sacramento beat Orlando to snap an eight-game losing streak.

Tolliver scored five straight points in the closing minutes as the Kings improved to 2-8 since trading DeMarcus Cousins during the All-Star break. The eight-game losing streak was the longest for the Kings since the 2014-15 season.

Nikola Vucevic had 23 points and nine rebounds for the Magic. Evan Fournier made four 3-pointers and scored 21 points, and Aaron Gordon had 17.

Elfrid Payton had 13 points, 13 assists and 10 rebounds for his third triple-double of the season, but Orlando dropped its third straight.

Willie Cauley-Stein had 18 points for the Kings and rookie Buddy Hield had 17.

Embiid says Saric is rookie of the year, but debate rages on

MIAMI (AP)—Philadelphia's Dario Saric was giving an on-court interview after the best scoring game of his young NBA career, only to be interrupted by a teammate.

Joel Embiid had something to say.

"He's the rookie of the year," Embiid emphatically said on CSN Philly after the 76ers beat the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday night. "That's the guy."

If only the debate could be solved that easily. Rookie of the year is already one of the most-debated of this season's NBA awards, in large part because Embiid's numbers are unquestionably the best in the class.

That is, except in one category.

The oft-injured Philadelphia big man will become the first rookie in six seasons to average more than 20 points, the fourth in the last two decades to do so while grabbing seven rebounds and the only one ever with those numbers while logging just 25 minutes per game. Yet his rookie of the year chances are, at best, murky because Embiid played in just 31 games before being shut down.

So, is playing only one-third of the year enough to win rookie of the year?

"I think it is," Philadelphia coach Brett Brown said.

Not everyone, of course, would necessarily concur.

"I don't know what the standard is," Toronto coach Dwane Casey said. "But I think the last man standing should get it, more than anything else."

Embiid will get probably the most competition from Saric and Milwaukee's Malcolm Brogdon. There's a slew of other candidates — no rookie has started more games so far than Oklahoma City's Domantas Sabonis, the Los Angeles Lakers' Brandon Ingram leads rookies in minutes, and Miami's Rodney McGruder has been a huge part of the second-half surge by the now playoff-contending Heat.

But no one has the numbers like Embiid, even though his sample size was highly limited.

"He was fantastic in those 31 games, head and shoulders above all the rest in those games," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "It's tough."

To go back to Casey's point, what complicates matters is that there isn't a true standard set by the NBA for eligibility — and that only adds to the intrigue for this season's rookie voting. There are certain standards the league has to qualify for year-end statistical honors, but anyone who got into an NBA game for the first time this season is rookie-of-the-year eligible.

Embiid and Saric can't even decide. Saric told a story Sunday night about how, when Embiid's knee injury ruled him out for the rest of this season, they had a conversation about what that would mean come award time.

"Can I give you a better gift than rookie of the year?" Saric recalled Embiid saying. "I said, 'OK man.' I know he's the guy."

If Embiid won, it would be precedent-setting.

Every past rookie of the year winner has appeared in at least 50 games, or 61 percent of the schedule. The last two rookie winners — Anthony Wiggins and Karl-Anthony Towns of Minnesota — played in all 82 games with the Timberwolves.

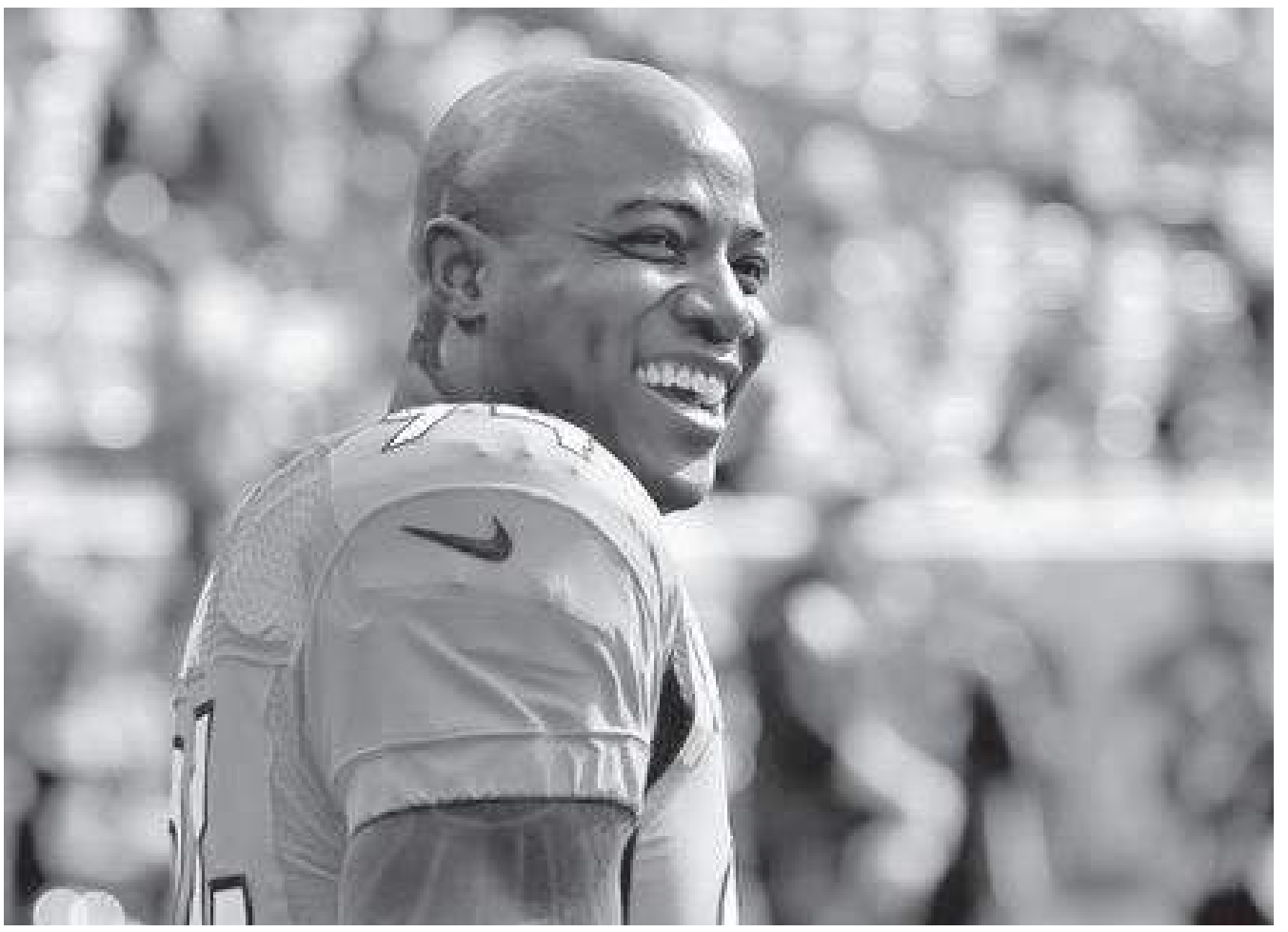
Patrick Ewing won in 1985-86 despite missing 32 games for New York, and prevailed in the voting quite comfortably despite Xavier McDaniel and Karl Malone posting relatively comparable numbers. Ewing averaged 20 points and nine rebounds; McDaniel had 17.1 points and eight rebounds in 82 games, Malone had 14.9 points and 8.9 rebounds in 81 games.

"Embiid is a very special, talented player," Milwaukee coach Jason Kidd said. "If he was playing, he probably would have run away with (rookie of the year) because he is a dominant player. But playing 30-some games, maybe there should be more. But it isn't up to me."

If it were up to Kidd — the 1995 NBA Rookie of the Year — Brogdon would win.

"I don't pay attention to accolades or any of that stuff because I think it can serve as a distraction, so for me I just focus on winning games, trying to make the playoffs," Brogdon said. "If that stuff was meant to be, then it will."

DeMarcus Ware announces his retirement from NFL



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This Oct. 30, 2016 photo shows Denver Broncos outside linebacker DeMarcus Ware (94) smiling prior to an NFL football game against the San Diego Chargers in Denver.

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—DeMarcus Ware won't be returning to either the Dallas Cowboys or the Denver Broncos as expected.

The 12-year NFL veteran is instead retiring from the NFL.

Ware announced his decision Monday on Twitter.

Next to a split image of the Cowboys and Broncos, Ware wrote, "After a lot of thought and prayer, I've decided to accept the unknown and retire from my NFL career. Tempting opportunities still present themselves for me to play and I feel better than I have in years. However, long-term health of quality of life outweigh the spark and passion to play that I once had."

Ware's decision is a shocker.

Just two months ago, he scoffed at those suggesting he might have played his last NFL game after he missed the Broncos' season finale to undergo lower back surgery.

Hours before Ware announced his retirement, Broncos general manager John Elway said, "He's going to test the market to see what's out there. I told him that's probably the best thing to do at this point in time and we'll stay in touch and see where he is."

After he announced his retirement, the Broncos tweeted, "See you in Canton."

"DeMarcus, you are the epitome of what an NFL player should be," Elway tweeted. "Congrats on your Hall of Fame career & thank you for becoming a Bronco!"

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said: "DeMarcus was everything we could have ever wanted in a player, a person and a representative of the Cowboys organization. He was one of the most dominant NFL players at his position in his era, and he was one of the most dynamic players in the history of the Dallas Cowboys.

"We wish nothing but the best for DeMarcus and his family, and we appreciate and respect his contributions to the NFL and to our team."

In his Twitter post, Ware thanked "all the people in my life who had a hand in molding me into a great player and the God fearing man I am today. I thank the Dallas Cowboys and Denver Broncos for opportunities to experience what greatness feels like."

Ware retires with 138½ sacks, eighth on the career list.

The Cowboys' all-time sacks leader with 117, Ware joined the Broncos as part of Elway's defensive makeover in 2014 along with safety T.J. Ward and cornerback Aqib Talib.

Von Miller credited Ware with helping him become a superstar and Super Bowl MVP.

Late last season, Miller told The Associated Press: "The type of impact that he had on my life, you could just look at my career those years that he was here. If you look at 2011, 2012 and 2013 and then you look at the years that DeMarcus Ware was here—2014, 2015, 2016—and on the field it may not be a big change, but the person that I am and the stuff that I've been exposed to sure was.

"You always want to be a leader. You think you know what it takes and you think you have great ideas, but until you're like three feet away from it and you see like nah, he really doesn't do that or he does this instead of that. And it can just be the little subtle stuff like he comes in and watches film on his phone, it's the little stuff that you observe, that you take," Miller said.

"Like, I don't have to come in every day and make an announcement. I can just come in and do my work and say what needs to be said and get things done. I think I just had to calm down and what calmed me down was really just seeing how it was really supposed to be," Miller said. "I was full speed before, 100 percent. DeMarcus, he's like that, too, though. But just not all the time, you get to see there's a time and a place for everything, and in DeMarcus I got to see a great example of that."

Ware totaled 81 tackles and 21½ sacks in Denver and had a terrific playoff performance two seasons ago with a dozen quarterback hits during the Broncos' run to their Super Bowl 50 title.

Injuries took their toll, however. He missed five games in 2015 with a back injury that first flared up in Dallas, and six games last season with a broken forearm and more back troubles.

Ware received an outpouring of support from players and coaches alike after announcing his retirement.

"D-Ware, a true football legend," Rams defensive coordinator Wade Phillips wrote. "HOF on and off the field."

Lions reach 3-year deal with T.J. Lang

DETROIT (AP)—T.J. Lang is switching sides in an NFC North rivalry—and returning to his roots.

The Detroit Lions agreed to a three-year deal with Lang, another significant move to bolster their offensive line in a busy offseason so far. Mike McCartney, Lang's agent, tweeted news of the contract Sunday. The Lions later confirmed that they had signed the free-agent guard, and made him available to reporters on a conference call.

"I've been away for so many years. This is where I grew up. I understand how fans around here are so hungry to have a championship football team. I was one of them when I was a kid," Lang said. "When this opportunity came about, I got really excited about it."

Lang, a native of the Detroit area, played college football at Eastern Michigan, but he's spent his entire pro career with the Green Bay Packers since being drafted by them in the fourth round in 2009. Lang started 13 games last season for the Packers, but now he'll return to his home state.

The Lions and Packers played for the division title in the final game of the regular season last season, with Green Bay winning on the road . Detroit made the playoffs as a wild card.

"It was the best move for my family and I, combined with my thoughts as just how ready Detroit was to win," Lang said.

Detroit also signed tackle Rick Wagner in recent days and could have an upgraded offensive line next season even after the departures of Riley Reiff and Larry Warford.

Lang recalled having Scott Mitchell and Charlie Batch jerseys growing up—and of course, watching one of football's greatest running backs.

"I think the first thing that sticks out is just the memories of watching Barry Sanders play, watching him run the ball," Lang said. "Watching Herman Moore catch those passes."

Nick Foles is returning to Eagles as backup quarterback

Nick Foles is returning to the city where he had his most success.

The Philadelphia Eagles agreed to terms on a two-year contract with Foles on Monday, bringing him back to serve as the backup quarterback for Carson Wentz two years after former coach Chip Kelly traded him to St. Louis.

The 28-year-old Foles was drafted in the third round in 2012 by Philadelphia under Andy Reid. He thrived under Kelly a year later, going to the Pro Bowl after having one of the best statistical seasons in NFL history. Foles threw 27 touchdown passes and only two interceptions in 10 starts while leading the Eagles to an NFC East title that season.

The Eagles are expected to trade or release Chase Daniel, who signed a $21 million, three-year contract last year.

Foles was 14-4 as a starter for the Eagles in 2013-14. He was 4-7 in 11 starts for the Rams in 2015 and won his only start for Kansas City while serving as a backup to Alex Smith last year.

AP
In this Oct. 26, 2014, file photo, Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Nick Foles (9) throws against the Arizona Cardinals during the first half of an NFL football game in Glendale, Ariz.

Eagles coach Doug Pederson was Philadelphia's quarterbacks coach during Foles' rookie season.

In five seasons, Foles has completed 60.4 percent of his pass attempts for 9,215 yards with 56 TDs and 27 interceptions for an 88.1 passer rating.

After going 7-9 in 2016, the Eagles have made a splash in free agency. They've added wide receivers Alshon Jeffery and Torrey Smith and offensive lineman Chance Warmack. ***(AP)***

Winter storm forces basketball teams to alter travel plans

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Mother Nature is causing college basketball teams to alter their travel plans.

Teams chasing a college basketball title are contending with an unexpected wrinkle that's making last-minute travel plans difficult—a fierce storm bearing down on the Northeast that's expected to dump up to two feet of snow in some places and create blizzard-like conditions.

"We are closely tracking the weather and working with our travel partners and teams in the tournament to ensure the safety of our student-athletes, coaches, administrators, officials and fans," the NCAA said in a statement. "This includes looking at departure times for teams that will play in affected cities."

Villanova, the top overall seed in the men's NCAA Tournament, left Philadelphia on Monday afternoon for Buffalo, New York, to get ahead of a storm that's projected to last three days. The defending champion Wildcats, who play on Thursday, had an abbreviated press availability with coach Jay Wright, but no player interviews were granted as the team rushed to its flight.

"I'm not really looking forward to leaving right away. But it hits you with reality, you're in it," Wright said. "We're going to be in Buffalo tonight and we're playing and it's on."

There is less of a chance that the women's tournament would be affected. UConn is the only team in the Northeast hosting and they play Saturday morning giving teams more time to arrive in Connecticut.

U.S. airlines canceled thousands of flights for Monday and Tuesday in anticipation of the storm. Teams in the men's and women's NCAA Tournaments have chartered flights so any travel backlog on commercial planes caused by the storm shouldn't be a problem.

Nobody was facing a more difficult week than Princeton, a school new to the scramble.

The Tigers beat Yale on Sunday for the title in the first Ivy League Tournament, where in previous years they would have clinched earlier by being unbeaten in the regular season.

The victory allowed for a brief celebration and not much more for Chris Mongilia, director of basketball operations for the Tigers.

"I kind of enjoyed it for a minute, and then my phone started ringing and emails started firing out, trying to figure out when we were going," Mongilia said Monday. "We found out our flight time this morning. We've been booking buses and hotels. It's been putting a lot of pressure on us to get everything done and organized. But yeah, it's been crazy."

AP

Villanova NCAA college basketball head coach Jay Wright gestures before boarding a bus as the team departs Villanova, Pa., on Monday, March 13, 2017, for a game in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, in Buffalo, N.Y.

Brel on top; Lizama in six-player logjam

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Go See Mark's Jesse Brel is alone at the No. 1 spot in the batting leaderboard, while the Chalan Kanoa Bears' A.J. Lizama is in a deadlock with five others for the lead in the pitching race in the 2017 Saipan Baseball League.

Brel in four games in the regular season went 7-for-14 at the plate for a batting average of .500 to place ahead of 19 others. He is the lone batter to average at least .500 as the second-running and his teammate Ricard Dela Cruz earned a batting average of .417 after going 5-for-12. The Falcons' Giovanni Mira and the Comets' Lorenzo Sebaklim also hit 5-for-12 to join Dela Cruz at the No. 2 spot.

There is also a tie for third with GSM's Tyrone Omar, Bears' Peyton Liama, BSI Aces' Lamarc Iguel and Barry Sunumai, and Titanium's Brian Camacho averaging .400.

Others on the Top 20 of the batting race, which was based on 12 or more at bats and updated last Friday, were GSM's Pat Alepuyo (.385), Blue Jays' J.J. Chong (.385), Titanium's Jhace Palacos (.357), BSI Aces' John Tudela (.333), GSM's Anthony Tenorio (.333), Falcons' A.J. Evangelista (.333), A.J. Lizama (.333), Falcons' Ian Norita (.313), Comets' J-Boy Mendiola (.308), Bears' Angel Palacios (.308), and GSM's Shane Yamada (.278).

Jesus Iguel leads in the runs race with eight, while Dela Cruz is ahead in the RBI category with his seven.

In the pitching competition, A.J. Lizama is still perfect with his 0.00 ERA after yielding no runs in 10.1 innings pitch. The Falcons' J.J. Lifoifoi and Ricky Joe Riungel also did not allow a single run in 9.1 innings (each) they worked the mound, while GSM's Nathan Guerrero (seven innings), the Falcons' Peter Lieto (six innings), and Titanium's Joe Palacios (six innings) have yet to give up runs, too.

The Blue Jays' L.J. Sebaklim (1.15 ERA), the Comets' Lorenzo Sebaklim (2.00), D-9ers Melvin Sakisat 2.00), and the Comets' Franco Nakamura (2.77) complete the pitching leaderboard, which was based on 6 or more innings pitched.

Lorenzo has the most strikeluts so far with 15, just ahead by one against Nakamura.

MCDONALD'S

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No. 15 Triple J Motors in the curtain-raiser.

With their triumphs, McDonald's will duel in the quarterfinals the winner in the Joeten-Docomo Pacific game, while Mariana Resort will be paired against the victor of the GPPC-Star Water tiff.

Both Mariana Resort and McDonald's leaned on their strong starts to control their respective games and eliminate their opponents.

Mariana Resort went on a 28-5 scoring surge in the first quarter and never looked back to move to the next round. Melvin Sakisat Jr. anchored Mariana Resort's early attack after scoring 8 points, 6 of them came from the 3-point area.

Sakisat and company then continued to pepper Triple J with shots from beyond the arc to pad its lead en route to the 47-point winning margin. Mariana Resort knocked in 12 triples in its first playoff game, while Triple J had only one.

Sakisat finished with a team-high 15 points, while Frank Lifoifoi and Jun Fidelino chipped in 13, and J.R. Lifoifoi contributed 11. Aris Oris paced Triple J with his 16 markers.

In the second game, Michael Achas was on target to help McDonald's oust its higher-ranked opponent.

Achas sizzled for 31 points, 12 of them were made from the downtown. He caught fire early, posting 12 points in the opening canto to lift McDonald's to a double-digit lead, 29-12.

Achas continued to hit his mark in the ensuing periods and the rest of his teammates also contributed to McDonald's cause to protect the squad's twin-digit spread. Sonn Macaranas chipped in 17 markers and four other McDonald's players finished with at least 6 points apiece.

Top Development failed to move out of the hole in the first quarter as it had only four players scoring in the playoff game. Raymond Velasco had 41 markers, Krizgel Arreza logged 16, and Allen and Jerome Reyes registered 11 and 8, respectively.

Meanwhile, four more teams will try to join McDonald's and Mariana Resort in the quarterfinals as top-ranked TanHoldings squares off against last finisher Konstrak Builders at 6:30pm and No. 6 Best Deal/RNV Construction meets No. 11 Westco at 8pm.

First Game

Mariana Resort 94 – Sakisat 15, F. Lifoifoi 13, Fidelino 13, J. Lifoifoi 11, Kitani 8, Factor 7, Prado 7, Kapileo 6, Jani 4.

Triple J 47 – Oris 16, Patron 12, Medina 9, Inos 6, Obnimaga 2, Gamboa 2, Viola 2.

Scoring by quarters: 28-5, 50-12, 72-28, 94-47.

Second Game

McDonald's 85 – Mi. Achas 31, Macaranas 17, Gaspar 9, J. Achas 7, Gapor 6, Mc. Achas 6.

TDI 75 – Velasco 40, K. Arreza 16, A. Reyes 11, J. Reyes 8.

Scoring by quarters: 29-12, 46-30, 69-50, 85-75.

3-PEAT

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Football Association's Interscholastic Football League to remain in condition and develop their footwork and team chemistry. I think the time we spent at the soccer pitch helped our girls improve their stamina and confidence as they played better in the finals and had shown significant improvement in skills and teamwork," said Catherine, who was assisted by her husband Mark in calling the shots for the Lady Knights.

Mt. Carmel players came out more prepared and fitter in the finals as they dove for loose balls, pressured SDA's ball handlers, and prevented their opponents from getting open looks at the basket. The results of the Lady Knights aggressive approach on defense in the one-game finals were two scoreless quarters (second and fourth) from SDA.

On offense, five Mt. Carmel players made it to the board right from the get-go and two more scored in the ensuing quarters. Fiona Bucalig paced the Lady Knights with her 6 points.

Despite their three straight division titles, the Lady Knights will not rest on their laurels.

"We will try to get more students involved in the program. In fact, the seniors of our girls high school team will conduct camps and clinics for players in the fifth grade and below to encourage more students to play basketball and be active in sports," Catherine said.

"I just wish other schools will compete next season to develop more players and give the students something to look forward to after their classes. I commend SDA for coming out to play and forming a team even if they have only 7 to 8 players," she added.

The Lady Knights doubled up SDA's roster as Bucalig is joined on the team by Maaya Sato, Noreen Vidal, Kaia Travilla, Keyili Peter, Camille Perez, Gia Hemley, Nona Palacios, Kristen Torres, Francine Albuen, Lynzey Green, Sienna Muna, Maria Ayuyu, Kiana Propst, and Brandee Hunter.

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a couple of returnees.

"Obviously this year there's going to be a lot more depth and strength in competition with both Ben and Brad being there, and I'm looking forward to it. Brad just came from winning XTERRA South Africa, and I beat Ben at the Australia Cross-Tri champs so we'll all be hungry to get the win," said Gardner, who topped last year's 1.5-kilometer swim, 30K bike trail, and 12K trail run after clocking in at 2:52:46. He defeated Japan's Takahiro Ogasawara (2:54:14), the Philippines' Joseph Miller (3:05:03) and South Korea's Kaon Cho (3:21:08) for the men's division crown.

"As for the showdown between Ben and I, no doubt he'll be especially fired up after losing the national title," the 30-year-old pro said.

Allen, who recently got married to fellow XTERRA Saipan veteran Jacqui Slack, missed last year's race due to scheduling problems, but has confirmed his return to the island as early as last month. Gardner believes Allen is more pressured to regain his men's division crown in this weekend's off-road triathlon.

"Despite being the reigning champ over there though, I still think the majority of pressure will be on Ben to reclaim the title than for me to defend to it. Regardless of which way I look at it, I'm looking forward to going head-to-head with him again as we've done so many times in the past," Gardner said.

Joining Gardner, Allen, and Weiss in XTERRA's Crown Jewel returnees Takahiro, Markus Benesch, Aleksandr Dorovskikh, and Miller and newcomers Michal Bucek, Emil Durah, Dominik Wychera, Sam Osborne, Kieren McPherson, Akihiko Maeda, and Yuichi Hosoda.

In the women's pro division, only former Saipan triathlete Mieko Carey and two-time winner Carina Wasle have signed up so far, according to the event's online registration. Triathletes have until this Thursday to register and organizers are expecting about 100 participants in the weekend's competition.

A race briefing will be held this Friday at 4pm at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, while race packets will be released from 2pm to 6pm at the same venue.

Inaugural Ironman Saipan 70.3

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South Korean Hyun Woong Jun begins his climb in one of the hill parts of the bike leg during Saturday's Ironman Saipan 70.3 Triathlon.

Cheon Yuyeong of South Korea heads toward the Bird Island lookout.

Volunteer Nap Dizon, left, splashes water to cool off Julien Georges of France.

South Korea's Kwang Hoon Jeo tries to catch up with early leader Hyun Woong Jun.

South Korea's Kyeungtae Park refills his water bottle after making the turn at the Bird Island Lookout.

A volunteer hands out a bottle of water to Caleb Wang in the bike leg of Saturday's Ironman Saipan 70.3 at the Bird Island.

Japanese Hideaki Inoue, right, bikes ahead of Singapore's Sarah Ng.

One of the volunteers splashes water on Charlie Sendin.

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Mt. Carmel School, left, and Seventh Day Adventist players battle for the loose ball during the third quarter of their title game in the girls middle school division of the private school league last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

3-peat for Lady Knights

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Mt. Carmel School extended its reign in the middle school division of the Commonwealth Coalition of Private School Association Basketball League after outclassing Seventh Day Adventist in their title match, 17-10, last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The championship was the Lady Knights' third in a row after winning against Grace Christian Academy (28-12) in 2015 and versus Saipan International School (24-22) last year.

"Though it was a very short season and we faced only one team, the girls worked hard this year and were proud to win the division title for the third straight season," said MCS coach Catherine Attao-Toves.

With only Mt. Carmel and SDA competing this season, they dueled twice in the preliminary round before battling for the division title last Monday.

"We used the first two games to give all our players the opportunity to play. When we're not playing and practicing, our girls saw action in the Northern Mariana Islands

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More depth in competition at 2017 XTERRA Saipan seen

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Defending champion Brodie Gardner sees a lot more depth and strength in competition in the men's pro division of this weekend's 2017 XTERRA Saipan Championship.

The Australian is scheduled to arrive on island this Thursday to gun for his second straight title and will be racing against four-time XTERRA Saipan champion Ben Allen, XTERRA South Africa winner Bradley Weiss and 12 other pros, including

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XTERRA Saipan defending champion Brodie Gardner passes through the trail run course in one of the XTERRA races he did last year.

McDonald's, Mariana Resort advance

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McDonald's recorded the first upset in the playoff round of the JEM Company Ltd./Mobil Customer Appreciation Basketball League, while the favored Mariana Resort also marched into the quarterfinals.

The No. 12 seed McDonald's stunned the fifth-ranked Top Development, Inc., 85-75, in the second game last Monday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium to book a Round of 8 ticket. The No. 2 seed Mariana Resort earlier took the first quarterfinal seat following a 94-47 demolition of

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
McDonald's players and their muse pose for a photo during the opening of the JEM/Mobil caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium early this year. McDonald's is now in the quarterfinals after pulling off an upset over Top Development, Inc.